

# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

\* Athelington \* Denham \* Horham \* Hoxne  
\* Redlingfield \* Syleham \* Wingfield

May 2015

| May 2015            | Sun 3 May<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sun of<br>Easter | Sun 10 May<br>Rogation<br>Sunday              | Sun 17 May<br>Sunday<br>after<br>Ascension                           | Sun 24 May<br>Pentecost                                  | Sun 31 May<br>Trinity<br>Sunday            |
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|                     | Acts 8:26-40<br>1 John 4:7-21<br>John 15:1-8  | Acts 10:44-48<br>1 John 5:1-6<br>John 15:9-17 | Acts 1:15-17,<br>21-26<br>1 John 5:9-13<br>John 17:6-19              | Acts 2:1-21<br>Rom 8:22-27<br>John 15:26-27;<br>16:4b-15 | Isaiah 6:1-8<br>Rom 8:12-17<br>John 3:1-17 |
| <b>Athelington</b>  |   |   | 9.30am<br>Holy<br>Communion  |  | 11.15am<br>Benefice<br>Communion<br>Horham |
| <b>Denham</b>       |   |   |  | 11.15am<br>Family<br>Service                             |  |
| <b>Horham</b>       |   | 9.30am<br>BCP<br>Communion                    |  | 11.15am<br>Family<br>Service                             |  |
| <b>Hoxne</b>        | 11.15am<br>Holy<br>Communion                  | 11.15am<br>BCP Matins                         | 8.30am BCP<br>Communion<br>11.15am -<br>with the<br>Phoenix<br>Group | 10am<br>Family<br>Service                                |  |
| <b>Redlingfield</b> | 9.30am<br>Holy<br>Communion                   |   |  | 10am<br>Morning<br>Prayer                                |  |
| <b>Syleham</b>      | 4pm<br>Messy<br>Church                        |   | 11.15am<br>BCP Matins  | 9.30am<br>Holy<br>Communion                              |  |
| <b>Wingfield</b>    | 10am<br>Morning<br>Prayer                     | 11am<br>Holy<br>Communion                     | 10am<br>Family<br>Service  | 6.30pm<br>BCP<br>Evensong                                |  |

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make all our churches look so beautiful for the Easter celebrations; in particular the many lovely flower arrangements were an icon of the resurrection and new life erupting after the barrenness of Lent.

Easter season continues nearly all the way through May this year, and continuing my thought last month of how the resurrection is revealed in little ways like a fish breakfast in John's gospel or strangers on a road in Luke's, I've found this piece, originally from America, about Jesus appearing in all the little details of our lives together- perhaps I should have added a paragraph about flower arrangers!

*I saw Jesus last week. He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt. He was up at the church building; he was alone and working hard. For just a minute, he looked like one of our members. But it was Jesus, I could tell by his smile.*

*I saw Jesus last Sunday. He was teaching a Bible class. He didn't talk real loud or use long words, but you could tell he believed what he said. For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday school teacher. But it was Jesus, I could tell by his loving voice.*

*I saw Jesus yesterday. He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick. They prayed together quietly. For just a minute he looked like Mr Jones. But it was Jesus, I could tell by the tears in his eyes.*

*I see Jesus everywhere; taking food to the sick, welcoming others to his home, being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute I think he's someone I know. But it's always Jesus, I can tell by the way he serves.*

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## Churchwardens

**Athelington: St Peter.** Evelyn Adey 01728 628428, John Davy 01379 742878

**Denham: St John the Baptist.** Michael Reeves 01379 668179

**Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.** Brian Chester 01379 669157, Guy McGregor 01379 668434

**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, John Leader 01379 668205

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

**Thursday 14 May, 7.30pm, deanery Ascension Day service at All Saints' Stradbroke**

Rev Michael's rest days/holidays: Fri 8, Fri 15, Fri 22, Sat 23, Thurs 28, Fri 29 May

**Wingfield Barns - Tel: 01379 384505**

Friday 15 May, 7.30pm, Open Space Theatre presents *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Tickets £10 and £8.50. Phone or email enquiries@wingfieldbarns.co.uk For more events, visit their website.

**Wingfield College - Invitation to View**

Thursday 21 May, Saturday 6 June, Friday 11 September. Advance bookings on 01206 573948. www.mercurytheatre.co.uk

**Extra cleaning of Wingfield church**

Friday 22 May, 11am, and then recover in the De La Pole Arms.

**There will be a garden party** at the home of Richard and Alison Thurlow, Green Farm, Syleham IP21 4LT on Sat 30 May, 2-5pm with afternoon teas (and fizz!). Stalls include bumper raffle, cakes and traditional fete games etc. Proceeds will be shared between Nelson's Journey (local charity supports bereaved children) and Gissing Ward, Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.

Some of us have spoken in the past about a **benefice singing group** to help with worship at benefice services. This group will make its debut at Horham on Sun 31 May for the Benefice Eucharist, singing the Taize, *Eat this Bread*, during communion. If you would like to be part of this, please let Rev Michael know as soon as possible and we can make a start on practising.

**Please 'like' our facebook pages.** Hoxne, Athelington and Horham churches now have facebook pages. Please find them, 'like' them and you will be updated regularly with their news.

**The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter is found in all 7 churches, but you can get it early by email, (bcc to hide addresses). Please send an email to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com Deadline for June HBN is 25 May.**

**Horham Village Fete** Saturday 16 May, 2-5pm. An old-fashioned village fête with stalls and sideshows, exhibition of local arts and crafts, teas, music and entertainment. In aid of playground fund.

**Tickets to the consecration of our new bishop, Canon Martin Seeley**

General tickets to the Eucharist, with the ordination and consecration of Canon Martin Seeley to be Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, are now available. The service will be held at Westminster Abbey on Thursday 14 May 2015 from 11am to 12.30pm. We hope as many people as possible will attend. Please note, you will be responsible for organising your own transport. Tickets are issued on a first-come, first-served basis and are available to print out directly from the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eucharist-with-ordination-and-consecration-of-canon-martin-seeley-to-be-bishop-of-st-edmundsbury-tickets-16398409083> These tickets are administered directly by the Abbey. Please help us by publicising these in pew slips, newsletters and during services. For anyone unable to access the link above, please call the Abbey on 020 7654 4846 to order tickets by post.

**Archdeacon's Visitation**, Wednesday 6 May 7.30pm, St Peter & Paul, Eye.

Please come and show your support of our churchwardens as they start a new year in office. Also Thursday 14 May, 7.30pm, **deanery Ascension Day service** at All Saints' Stradbroke, followed by refreshments. It would be lovely to see lots of us there.

**Wingfield Safari Supper**

Saturday 16 May, 7pm. £12 per head. Contact Sharon Alldis for more info on 01379 384854.

**Syleham** Advance notice: Thursday 25 June, evening talk on **Syleham** church history with Roy Tricker and architect Matthew Thomas. Times to be advised.

As in previous years, we will be going to **Walpole St Peter Flower Festival**, Monday 1st June. After lunch we go on to Sandringham. All inclusive cost is £18 pp. Lunch consists of ham or cheese salad, roll and butter, pudding, tea or coffee. Lots of stalls in the church grounds for you to peruse, and also a marquee selling refreshments when we arrive. Still a few places left. Call John Chapman, on 01379 740821. Any profits go to John's bone marrow cancer group (Myeloma) at the Big C, NNUH.

**Denham** are having a Gift Day and Spring Fair on Sunday 17 May from 2pm. There will be cakes, plants and bric-a-brac to buy and cream teas served in the churchyard amongst a mass of wildflowers!

**Hoxne**

Garden tools, a wheelbarrow and watering cans occupied a centre spot in the aisle at St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne on 19 April for a well-attended Gardeners' Service organised with the Hoxne Garden and Social Club. Canon Andrew Vessey led the service which included a reading of Kipling's *Glory of the Garden*, a poem by Pam Ayres, a light-hearted gardener's hymn and a special moment in which the garden tools were blessed. This service was one of a series on the third Sunday of each month; The Hoxne Phoenix Group will be taking part on 17 May.

**Messy church**

Sunday 3 May, 4pm, Syleham village hall, with its mix of creative activities (both tidy and messy!) song, story and famous scrummy tea.

**Plenty of coffee to drink!**

\*Every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter in the Old School Hall in Horham.

\*The Rural Coffee Caravan will be Weds 6 May at Redlingfield, Tues 19 May at Wingfield, with news of what's happening around and about us. Coffee and biscuits. Donations welcome.

\*Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, Saturday 23 May.

**Also in Redlingfield**

Doorstep Green tidy up, Weds 13 May, from 6pm until dark.

Village AGM – Wednesday 20 May, Horham Community Centre, 8pm. Pub on the Green, Saturday 23 May, 6pm until midnight.

Four new members of the **Hoxne Branch of the Mothers' Union** were enrolled at the Family Service at St Peter and St Paul on Sunday 26 April.

For more details about this growing MU branch, Cathie McGregor is the contact, on 01379 668434. Their next meeting is Mon 17 May, 2.15pm at Cathie's home.

**Midweek, evening communion at Denham**, Tues 12 May, 7.30pm, a gentle, meditative service for a spring evening.

**Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall** Coffee Morning, Saturday 2 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm raffle, cakes books and games etc. to raise funds for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

A reminder that Mary Lewis is available to parishes as **Local Giving Adviser** to share her training with us all and advise on practical resources, focus on mission in our churches, enhancing community engagement and use of our church buildings. mary.lewis43@icloud.com 01379 669258.