

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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May 2016

MAY 2016	1 May Easter 6	8 May Easter 7	15 May Pentecost	22 May Trinity Sunday	29 May Trinity 1
	Acts 16:9-15 Rev 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17,(25-27)	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Benefice Communion 11.15am at Redlingfield to celebrate the church roof repairs, led by Bishop Mike, Bishop of Dunwich
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Comm		
Denham				11.15am Family Service	
Horham		9.30am Holy Comm		11.15am Family Service	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Comm	11.15am Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Comm 11.15am Whit Sunday Songs of Praise	10am Family Service	
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Comm (see below)				
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for the benefice		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Comm	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong	

- Sunday 1 May, 9.30am, Redlingfield's Holy Communion is at the home of Richard and Avril Court, Brookside, Green Lane, Redlingfield (01379 678772)
- Thursday 5 May, Deanery Communion for Ascension Day, 7pm at Wingfield
 - Tuesday 10 May, 7.30pm, Midweek Communion at Denham Church
 - Wednesday 11 May, Archdeacon's visitation and swearing in of churchwardens, Stradbroke, 7pm

I recently read a passage by Angela Ashwin in from Pain into Prayer that is very timely, though I paraphrase it slightly;

Weeping expresses our common humanity, something that transcends our differences. Somehow when we weep we express the fact that we can't control our world, or indeed our human existence, or life or death. We acknowledge our dependence and our powerlessness, but beyond that, our love...

'See how he must have loved him', they said of Jesus as they watched him weeping for his dead friend Lazarus. Weeping and love belong together. For the world's ultimate sanity men as well as women will have to learn how to weep...

And in some mysterious way, tears can begin to lead to resurrection, they are agents of transformation. Only those that sow in tears are told that they shall reap in joy. We are promised that there will come a time when God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. But that is a promise God cannot keep unless we first learn how to weep.

Rev Michael

Rev Michael's days off in May..... Tues 3, Thurs 12 and 19, Fri 20, Mon 23 and Thurs 26.

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Churchwardens

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Redlingfield: St Andrew. Hazel Abbott 01379 678217

Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

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To Monday 2 May Royal Photographic Society Creative Group Exhibition Gallery 1 & 2, 11am - 4pm Weds-Sun including Bank Holiday Monday. During this exhibition we are also extremely pleased to welcome an exhibition of landscape paintings from renowned artist Anne Rea in Studio 4. Refreshments available in Gallery 2. Free Admission.

Friday 20 May, Open Space Theatre Company present Alan Bennett's *Habeus Corpus*, 7.30pm. Tickets £10, £8.50 concs.

Monday 20 June, 7.30pm. Richard Digance returns to Wingfield. More details to come next month.

It is good to follow a practice for Lent but far more valuable if it has a lasting effect on us; this Lent we had continental breakfast and Celtic prayer every Monday morning. We found it so helpful, as a time of prayer, as a chance to chat and catch up over a light breakfast and as a good start to the week, that we've decided to carry on with it.

The format is 7.45am onwards for breakfast, then at 8.30am we have a period of prayer using a Celtic pattern and are finished by 9am for those who need to get along.

All are very welcome to join us on any Monday morning, but it is a 'moveable feast' so it would be best to contact Rev Michael if you'd like to come along and he can tell you which house it will be in.

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

Denham midweek Communion

Tuesday 10 May, 7.30pm in Denham Church. Everyone is welcome to this simple, reflective service.

Archdeacon Ian will be coming for his annual visitation on Weds 11 May to swear in our faithful churchwardens of both Hoxne and Hartismere deaneries. Please come and support them as they commence a new year of service; All Saints' Stradbroke, 7pm, followed by light refreshments.

Churchyard working party at St Andrew's Wingfield from 5.30pm, Fridays 6 and 20 May. If you would like to help keep our churchyard looking beautiful, please contact Michael Harvey on 01379 586355.

Horham Fête, a traditional fête, Sat 21 May, from 2pm to 5pm with free entry, lots of stalls and sideshows inc a gun dog demo. Also, bring along your dog. Prizes awarded, including 'for the waggiest tale'. Barbecue and refreshments. Official opening by 'The Queen'.

Sunday 8 to Sunday 15 May

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called for a great wave of prayer for evangelism during Pentecost. We, as a benefice, will take up this request for prayer. Leaflets will be distributed in church; you are encouraged to use them daily through the week in your prayers at home.

Christian Aid Week Sun 15 – Sat 21.

Please pray for this and give generously if you can.

Deanery Ascension Day Service, Thurs 5 May, 7pm at St Andrew's Wingfield. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at this joyful deanery service. Followed by light refreshments.

Syleham

Overshadowing all in Syleham in the last couple of weeks has been the sudden and very sad death of our much loved churchwarden and well-known resident, John (J) Leader. J's gentle, self-deprecating humour, his legendary generosity and his graciousness endeared him to all he met and it feels as though the heart has been torn out of our village. St Margaret's provided a focus for grief with a service of prayers, candles and music beautifully led by Revd Michael just two days after his death; the church full to capacity despite the short notice and we expect even more at a Thanksgiving Service on Friday 3rd June, 12 noon. Syleham was well represented at the benefice Lent prayer breakfasts and J was a regular attendee at these. For many, our last memories of his home and garden at Monks Hall were the moving 'Stations of the Resurrection' conducted by Revd Michael on Easter morning.

An exploratory evening bible study group, focussing on passages from Mark's gospel and with the theme of Generous God, Generous People, is being held in Syleham: final week will be Tues 3 May. Messy Church is growing and all families are welcome: our session on 1 May will have a worldwide theme.

Syleham's summer lunch on 16 July will go ahead, not at Monks Hall but at a different venue. Contact for any of the above – churchwarden, Mary Lewis (669258) mary.lewis43@icloud.com

Latest scam – beware of a telephone call purporting to be from the Eye Health Centre and seeking many personal details. There has been a call received in Hoxne which was reported to the police.

More coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter and now, internet access and tuition!!

* **The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be in **Redlingfield** on Weds 4 and in **Wingfield** on Tues 17 May, both 10am to 12 noon. It is a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake. Just come along and see for yourself. It is free. Donations welcome.

Redlingfield

Pub on the Green, 28 May, 6pm till midnight. Monthly throughout the summer.

In Redlingfield Church, Sunday 29 May, a benefice service will be held, led by the Rt Rev Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich, to celebrate the church roof repairs.

Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch will meet on Monday 16 May, 2.15pm at Time House, Low St, Hoxne.

Friends of the Hoxne Church coffee morning, in the church 10am to 12 noon, Saturday 21 or 28 May?

Annual Rogation Sunday Walk reminder

Sunday 1 May, 2pm from the Lych Gate, St Peter and St Paul's, Hoxne, after which tea and cakes will be served in the grounds of the Old Vicarage, Hoxne. (estimated return around 4pm). We may come across livestock so dogs must have a lead please.

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne will be the venue for the final performance in Hoxne's 3 day music festival (May 27 to 29). The Doric String Quarter will play Haydn, Debussy and Beethoven in a concert beginning at 7pm.

www.hoxnemusicfestival.com