

# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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

## May 2019



May 2019	Sun 5 May Easter 3	Sun 12 May Easter 4	Sun 19 May Easter 5	Sun 26 May Rogation
Athel'ton			9.30am* Holy Communion	
Denham		11.15am ~ Benefice Family@church		11.15am* Holy Communion
Horham		9.30am+ BCP Communion		
Hoxne	8.30am+ BCP Communion		11.15am* Holy Communion and baptism	11.15am BCP Matins
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.....

Lord Mountbatten once addressed the 14th Army in the Far East, 'You call yourselves a forgotten army. Well you're wrong. At home they haven't even heard of you'. Frequently for our churches in the benefice it often feels that the diocese's interest (back home as it were) rarely gets north of the A1120.

IF (and obviously it's a big if!) you're a 'bad' Anglican, this isn't a problem; after all Christ came to preach the good news to those who were near and those who were far off. So, the greatest piece of good news, the news of Easter, is for sleepy little villages, the fields and all creation. Rev Eleanor and I have reflected that it was a 'good' Easter. Not because we were in a self-congratulatory mood, but because of those who worked so hard. A big THANK YOU to all cleaners, flower arrangers, organists and hidiers of Easter eggs who made it so.

However, because we're 'good' Anglicans, we know that it's not just about our 'small corner'; that the Good News is for the whole world and that we are connected to, and part of something far bigger than rural Suffolk. In this respect, it's more good news that we've been able to send a cheque for £340 to the Diocesan Lent appeal for our partner diocese of Kagera in a remote part of Tanzania. Thank you everybody.

And more Good News, thank you to everyone who has continued as a church warden, or taken up the responsibility for the first time. In these times of change, it is very important to have church wardens, with the full 'legal' voice that they give each parish and the benefice for talking to the diocese.

**Rev Michael**

**Rev Michael's holidays and rest days in May:** Sat 4, Thurs 9, 16, 23 May

### Church contacts

**Athelington: St Peter.**

**Denham: St John the Baptist.**

**Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.**

**Horham: St Mary.**

**Redlingfield: St Andrew.**

**Syleham: St Margaret.**

**Wingfield: St Andrew.**

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Rev Michael Womack

## Sunday 28

The speaker for the sung evensong in Wingfield at 6.30pm is Mrs Pam Richardson who is a Christian Aid speaker for our region. Historically, Christian Aid week was generously supported in the deanery but over the past few years it has become impossible to find volunteers for the collection. Therefore Sunday's offering will be donated to Christian Aid as our contribution. Please come along and learn about and support the work of Christian Aid. Service followed by refreshments.

## Monday 29

**Holy Communion service at The Depperhaugh** at 11.30am. Everybody welcome to join us at this special service.

## May 2019

## Wednesday 1

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

## Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

## Sunday 5

**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.

## Saturday 11

**Round Tower Churches Society, church tour** - Brome, Syleham and Weybread, Sat 10am, starting at Brome- everyone welcome for a guided tour of these fascinating churches with round towers, unique to East Anglia.

## Also Saturday 11

**Benefice meeting.** Our next meeting about the future of the benefice. As before, everyone is welcome, 4pm in the Old School Hall, Horham.

## Sunday 12

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

## Wednesday 15

**Archdeacon's Visitation**, when the Archdeacon will swear in our church wardens. Please support them. The service will be at 7.30pm at St Mary's, Church Road, Wortham, IP22 1SL, one mile north of the A143.

## Saturday 18

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

## Monday 20

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

## Tuesday 21

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

## Wednesday 22

**Hoxne/Hartismere Deanery Synod Meeting** Burgate Church Hall, at 7.30pm. Anna Hughes, the Diocesan Secretary, will be attending so a chance to ask all those questions you have always wanted to ask Diocesan Office..... Deanery Synod representatives should receive invitations but the meeting is open to all.

## Sunday 26

**Benefice Evensong at Wingfield**, 6.30pm.



## Thursday 30

**Deanery Ascension Day Service** with Holy Communion, 7.30pm at St Margaret, Syleham.



## 30 May to 9 June

**Thy Kingdom Come** is the call of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for people to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come', from Ascension Day to Pentecost, particularly praying for people to know the love of God, to know Jesus. See [www.cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org) for more details.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Let's raise funds for Churches of the Hoxne Benefice with easyfundraising!

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## Advance notices

### Sunday 9 June

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

### Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June

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

### Saturday 13 July

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

### 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.

## Keep in touch

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