

May 2021	2nd May Easter 5	9th May Easter 6	16th May Easter 7	23rd May Pentecost	30th May Trinity
Athelington					
Denham				11am EG CW Holy Communion	
Horham			11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion		
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion		9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	9.30am JS Matins	
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion			
Syleham	4pm Messy Church on facebook *		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion				11am Benefice Holy Comm JM/EG
Zoom Services	11am RC Holy Communion	9.30am JM Café Church	6pm EG Evensong		4pm JM All Age Service (not 4th Sunday as in Village Voice)

Ascension Day, Thursday 13th May, 7pm, CW Holy Communion at Denham

More online services

Every Saturday and Sunday, Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch), 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm

* Messy Church is on [facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC)

Some services in church will also be live streamed or uploaded onto facebook.

To join our Zoom services, email Revd Eleanor at eleanor.goodison@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

On the rota above..... EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis JS - John Swann LE - Lay elders

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Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham
Hoxne Redlingfield
Syleham Wingfield

May 2021 News



Renewal

What a difference it makes to be able to sit in the sun with friends and family (even if you have to keep your coat on!) After months of winter lockdown, we all appreciate a sense of freedom from the lifting of at least some restrictions and the opportunity to enjoy the spring. And I think we also notice the little things a bit more, from the blossom to the joy of being with those we love. We see the renewal of nature around us and with God's grace we feel renewal in our hearts as well as we start to move out of the gloom of the first part of this year.

We begin May still in Eastertide, very much the church's season of renewal. We are praying at our Friday Compline services:

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.

May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.

May our hearts and lives echo his love.

Next comes Ascension Day on Thursday 13th May, when we will have a special service at Denham. Ten days later comes Pentecost (Sunday 23rd May) and we will, we hope, have passed another milestone on the road map out of lockdown. So we will be celebrating with a church BBQ at The Swan in Hoxne. And on Sunday 30th May we have a benefice service for Trinity Sunday. We will also be holding our annual church meetings in the second half of May to review the last year and elect churchwardens and PCC members for the next one. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I look forward to seeing you as we renew our church life together this May.

Revd Eleanor Goodison

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with on Friday.

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

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Revd John: 07876 507288 vj.mccracken@gmail.com

Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Church Annual Meetings APCMs

All in the churches.

Syleham, 7pm on Wednesday 19th

Wingfield, 7pm on Thursday 20th

Denham, 12 noon on Sunday 23rd

Hoxne, 7pm on Monday 24th

Redlingfield, 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th

Horham, 7pm on Thursday 27th

Athelington—to be arranged

Come along to find out more about activities over the last year and plans for the future. We are looking for more volunteers to join our PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) and help to run our churches. Would you be interested? Please contact Revd Eleanor.

Thy Kingdom Come

13th to 23rd May Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As part of this global movement, people and churches of all kinds in Suffolk are praying. You can find simple ideas and resources for prayer to help you get involved on the Suffolk in Prayer Facebook group or the webpage <https://www.light-wave.org/thy-kingdom-come>. Prayer events will be scheduled each evening throughout the week for you to join, hosted by many different denominations.

Bible Study Group: Peace

Our new regular Bible study group will meet once a fortnight at 7.30pm on a Monday evening via Zoom, starting on Monday 3rd May. Sessions will last no more than one hour. We will be following the theme of 'peace' in our choice of Bible readings. The first session will look at John 14.15-31, including Jesus' words: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you". The second session on Monday 17th May will look at Isaiah 9.2-7, the Prince of Peace.

Each session will be self-contained, so do join in when you can. If you don't receive the Zoom link, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor to be added to the list.



Our benefice service will be held on Sunday 30th May, 11am at Wingfield church, as our largest church, with room for everyone socially distanced. We hope that it may be possible to recommission our lay elders then, so do come along to support them. The collection will be given to the VaccinAid campaign which aims to help fund the biggest vaccination drive in history. Led by UNICEF UK, the campaign offers a practical way to give thanks for our Covid-19 vaccination by making a voluntary donation to help pay for jabs for others around the world. It aims to help fund almost two billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high risk and vulnerable people on our planet.

Churches now open all week

With the reduced Covid-19 infection rate, our PCCs have assessed the risk of opening for private prayer and visitors as also much reduced and our churches are now open again all week. Athelington continues to be open on request.

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost barbecue

We expect that from 17th May up to 30 people will be allowed to gather outdoors, so we are planning a Pentecost barbecue in the garden at The Swan in Hoxne at 3pm on Sunday 23rd May. The cost will be £10 a head (children £5) to cover food, with drinks to be purchased at the bar. With a limit of 30 people, it is essential you book your place with Revd Eleanor as soon as possible.

Summer art workshops for children and young people

We have decided to postpone our art workshops for children and young people from half term to the summer holidays, but plans are going ahead. Watch this space!

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter.

Colin Palmer 01728 628747

Denham: St John the Baptist.

Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458

Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.

Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046

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, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480

Wingfield: St Andrew.

Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579

Diocesan Synod

The time has come for elections to the Diocesan Synod – (A diocese is governed by a bishop acting with the advice and consent of representatives of the clergy and laity of the diocese; that is the Synod.) Any member of the electoral roll in our churches may apply. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Revd Susan, 01379 388493.

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? **It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised £713.39 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!**

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice.

Free to a good home

2 black toner cartridges for HP Laserjet 12A. If you can use them, please contact Revd Eleanor or Revd John.

Stay in touch:

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Samaritans - It's alright to ask for help
Tel: 116123

Refuge, against domestic violence
Tel: 0808 2000 247

ChildLine
Tel: 0800 1111

Waveney Foodbank
Tel: 07484 394749