

May 2022	1st May Easter 3	8th May Easter 4	15th May Easter 5	22nd May Easter 6	29th May Easter 7
Athelington					
Denham				11am EG CW Holy Communion	
Horham			11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion		
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am EG Café Church	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	9.30am JS BCP Matins 3.30pm EG Rogation Service	4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion			
Syleham	4pm Messy Church Syleham village hall ML + team		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	11am JM Benefice Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong		

**Thursday 26th May Ascension Day
7.30pm, Holy Communion at Athelington**

On the rotas....

EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison

JM - Revd John McCracken JS - John Swann

ML - Mary Lewis RC - Revd Richard Court

Online Services

Every Saturday and Sunday:

Morning Prayer on facebook.com/
WingfieldChurch, 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm.

For an invitation to Zoom services, please
email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Some church services also live streamed/
uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
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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



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

May 2022 News



The merry month of May

For centuries – perhaps longer – the month of May has been known as ‘merry’. The weather is improving; the apple blossom is out; and people generally feel a bit more cheerful. This year there is a lot to be worried about, but God is faithful and if we put our trust in him, he will not let us down.

This is the time of year when our churches hold their annual meetings. The reports made to the meetings look back over the last year and remind us how God has brought us through some very tough times. At the beginning of last year our churches were once again closed because of Covid and thick snow was on the ground for considerable periods. But with the spring came better days and we were even able to hold a Pentecost barbecue for the benefice in May 2021. Since then our church life has returned to a regular pattern and we have also been able to start new initiatives with children and families, as well as continuing to use Zoom where it suits us. This year Pentecost will coincide with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee weekend and there will be lots of celebratory events across the benefice and across the whole country: don’t miss the decorated corgis at Athelington church on 28th and 29th May.

We look forward with hope and expectation to discover what God will do for us in the coming year and how we can join in his saving work in Christ. I wish you a very merry month of 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 Friday.

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

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

MAY 2022

Sunday 1st Messy Church, meets at 4pm in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. This month's theme is the healing of the centurion's servant by Jesus. We will also be decorating corgis for Athelington's Platinum Jubilee event at the end of May (*more details see right*).

Tuesday 3rd (and each first Tuesday)

Coffee & Cake Drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10-11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse magazines and books.

Also Tuesday 3rd (and each first Tuesday) 'Little Lambs' parent, baby and toddler fun time. 1.15 to 3.15pm at The Pavilion, Hoxne Playing Fields. All under 5s welcome with a responsible adult. Children can join in games, play, enjoy singing and story time and just have fun.

Wednesday 4th

Rural coffee caravan at Redlingfield, village triangle, 10am-12 noon. Features Hazel's baking, as always! All welcome.

Monday 16th

Mothers' Union Fellowship Group meets at 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne.

Tuesday 17th

Rural Coffee caravan at Castle Crescent, Wingfield. 10am to 12noon. All welcome.

Also Tuesday 17th

Our Lent Book Club had to postpone its planned meeting in March to discuss Light Perpetual by Francis Spufford. The meeting has been rearranged for 7.30pm in the De La Pole Arms, Wingfield and on Zoom, as before. It's not too late to read the book and join in! Further details from Revd Eleanor.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

All residents in each parish as well as those on the electoral roll of each church are welcome to attend our annual meetings to hear about church activities over the last year and plans for the future, (restoration plans for Wingfield). All residents are also entitled to vote in the election of churchwardens. The remaining meetings are as follows (all held in the appropriate church)

Athelington: 7.30pm, Tuesday 3rd May, *postponed from 6th April*

Wingfield: 2.30pm, Saturday 7th May **Redlingfield:** 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th May

Syleham: Sunday 15th May, 10.45am, after service, *postponed from 24th April*

Saturday 21st (and each third Saturday)

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning and book sale. 9.45am to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Also Saturday 21st

Friends of Hoxne Church Quiz Night

7.30pm in St Edmund's Hall. Teams of up to 6, £5 a head. Bar, raffle. Bring your own picnic for half time! Call Michael/Sharon to book a table on 01379 668060.

Sunday 22nd

Rogation Sunday service at Hoxne church at 3.30pm with the cathedral choir.

Thursday 26th

Ascension Day Benefice Service of Common Worship Holy Communion, 7.30pm at Athelington church.

Saturday 28th

Plant Sale at Denham church. Come and stock up on plants of all kinds at our annual event.

Tuesday 31st

Our **Bible Study Group** returns at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Copies of this newsletter can be found in your church. If you prefer to receive yours by email, please contact Virginia at hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com



The corgis paid a brief visit to St Peter's Church, Athelington last week and will be returning 'Dressed for a Royal Occasion' in conjunction with the Flower Festival Sat 28th and Sun 29th May 2022. Open 10am – 4pm, refreshments available. The corgis will be available to view until Sun 5th June.

For details, call Nick Cook on 01728 628661



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[easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

It really is easy for anyone who shops online...**It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised more than £850** – so it is well worth it! [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice).



Thank you to all who brought us the concert at Wingfield on Sunday 24th April. A delightful afternoon of beautiful music!

Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help of any kind.

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

The Foodbank is currently in need of more supplies. visit

<https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk>