

You will be warmly welcomed at all the services around the benefice

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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November 2014

November 2014	Week 1 Sun 2nd Nov All Saints	Week 2 Sun 9th Nov Remembrance	Week 3 Sun 16th Nov 2nd b/Advent	Week 4 Sun 23rd Nov Christ the King	Week 5 Sun 30th Nov St Andrew/ Advent
	Mic 3:5-end 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matt 24:1-14	Amos 5:18-24 1 Thess 4:13-end Matt 25:1-13	Zeph 1:7,12-end 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30	Ezek 34:11-16,20-24 Eph 1:15-end Matt 25:31-end	
Athelington			9.30am Holy Communion		
Denham		9.30am Remembrance Service		11.15am Family Service	
Horham		3.00pm Remembrance Service	11.15am Family Service	11.15am UN Day of the Child service	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Remembrance Service	8.30am BCP Holy Communion 11.15am Baptism	10.00am Family Service	11.15am Benefice Eucharist RedIngfield
Redlingfield	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Remembrance Service		9.30am Morning Prayer	4.00pm Benefice Advent Carols Athelington
Syleham	4.00pm Messy Church	3.00pm Remembrance inc. dedication of new war memorial with Bishop David	11.15am BCP Matins	9.30am Holy Communion	
Wingfield	10.00am Morning Prayer	9.15am Holy Communion 9.45am Remembrance	10.00am Family Service	10.00am BCP Matins	

We don't sing, 'Count your blessings, name them one by one' anymore; truth to tell I only dimly remember my mother singing the chorus to me. However, the principle of counting our blessings and hence of being thankful is a good one.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard during September and October to make our churches look so beautiful during the harvest celebrations. Indeed, thank you to everyone who week after week works behind the scenes cleaning church buildings and maintaining churchyards.

They probably won't read this, but thank you to my friends who came from as far away as Kent and Shropshire to pray in our churches and thank you to all those who came and joined us in our prayers. Our 'season of prayer' is drawing to a close with the last of the prayer workshops. Hopefully, the different forms of prayer offered over these past three months have offered some new ways of exploring prayer, and that in itself would be cause for thanks. As harvest gives way to November with its theme of remembering; on 1st November, we remember those who have gone before us, and who, like my mother, were an inspiration to us. And then on the 9th November, we remember those we sometimes know only as names but who gave their lives that we might have plenty to be thankful.

November can be a month of mist and lingering gloom, but it can also be an excellent time for remembering and giving thanks, and surely that is the better thing to do.

Rev Michael's days off and days away from the benefice in November. There are a lot of them as the church is sending him on another course and Mary will be in hospital, but if everything goes to plan, here they are...

Tues 4th, Weds 5th, Thurs 6th, Fri 7th, Tues 11th, Weds 12th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th, Tue 18th, Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Mon 24th, Weds 26th November.

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Fun with a purpose - The Wingfield and Syleham Craft Group spent an enjoyable afternoon in October packing shoeboxes for the TEECH charity. Thanks to generous gifts and items purchased from club funds, 25 shoeboxes and numerous bags of warm clothing and blankets were packed for the winter trip to Eastern Europe. Donations for the charity always welcome throughout the year. For further details, please contact Alison on 668251 or for TEECH info, Tracey on 384096 or www.Teech.org.

Samaritan's Purse also have a shoebox appeal. If you would like to support that, please contact Ann Swann on 669322.

Christmas Fayre, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall, 11.30am - 3pm, Saturday 22nd November. Come and join us for mulled wine and mince pies, and shop for Christmas from our many stalls. Sweets, preserves, toiletries, hair accessories, hand knitted gloves, hats, scarves, vintage china and jewellery, fair-trade gifts etc. St Andrew's Church stall with an eclectic mix of gifts from something to cook to something to eat to something to grow and gifts for wild birds. Christmas cards, hamper, raffle, cakes, games. Proceeds to the Senior Citizen's Christmas party.

Wingfield Barns - Tel: 01379 384505
Saturday 8th Nov, 7.30pm Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri's Acoustic Journey. £15.
Saturday 22nd Nov, 7.30pm, Mustard Theatre Company - Rise and Fall of Little Voice. Tickets £8.

The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter is found in all 7 churches, but you can get it early by receiving it by email.

**To be on the email list, (bcc to hide addresses), please send an email to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com
Deadline for December HBN is 24 Nov.**

Horham coffee mornings now every Wednesday, 10.30am at the Old School - coffee, cakes, chat and good company. Free admission, donations welcome.

Syleham

We're sorry! You will notice from the service list that we are having our war memorial dedicated on Remembrance Sunday by the Bishop. We'd love to be able to welcome everyone to this special service, but our church just isn't big enough so we're sorry but only residents of Syleham and relatives of the deceased can be accommodated. Thank you for your understanding.

For residents and relatives coming to the war memorial dedication, the tower restoration work has led to a large section of the car park being out of use, so please remember to park at the village hall and a shuttle bus is being provided from 2pm - thank you.

Advent Discussion Group

During the Fridays of Advent, we will be holding a benefice discussion group, using the established York Course material. Our course will be Expecting Christ and the four topics are: expecting Christ in family, in me, in prayer, in the end. 7.30 to 9pm, the first week, Fri 28th Nov, at St Andrew's House, Wingfield (the rectory). The booklet to accompany the sessions, without which the course is not so helpful, costs £3.49 and I need to order them in good time. If you'd like to join Expecting Christ, please let me know and I can get a booklet for you. MW

Athelington Advent starts Sunday 30th with Advent carols by candlelight in Athelington church. All are welcome to come and join us for 4pm. Help in preparing the church on the morning of Sat 29th would be much appreciated.

Memorial and thanksgiving service

On Saturday 1st November at Hoxne, 4pm, we will be having our annual service remembering those we have loved who are no longer with us. The service will be followed by tea and refreshments. Grief has no regard for time nor physical boundaries and everyone is very welcome to attend regardless of when or where you suffered loss. An important part of the service is reading out the names of those we miss please contact me with the names of anyone you'd like remembered. If you don't want to come but would still like someone remembered in that service, please let me know and I will make sure that their name is read out. MW

Coffee, chat and choosel

On the first Wednesday of each month, (5th Nov), 7pm to 8.30pm, at Barbara's, Reading Hall, Denham, where a selection of Christian books will be available to borrow - both adult and children's. Coffee and cake will be served if you wish to stay, but please feel free to just pop in and out. Contact Barbara on 01379 870500.

Messy church - 2nd November in Syleham, but for the whole benefice - fun and friendship with a biblical theme, creative activities and games, celebration with story and song, and a scrumptious tea. At Syleham village hall, 4pm every first Sunday, lasting about an hour. All very welcome.

Books to buy

Brian Chester has a supply of copies of Roy Tricker's book on the history of the diocese - *100 Not Out; A Century of the Church in Suffolk*. Price £3 if bought via the PCC; full price £5. He also has two or three copies of *100 Treasures* available. Contact Brian on 01379 669157.

Redlingfield and Wingfield

Coffee mornings, 10am to 12 noon, to replace the coffee caravan for the winter months, November to March. At Redlingfield on Weds 5th Nov at Midge and Chris Gibbons', Rush Meadow, and to Wingfield, Tues 18th Nov, studio 4 of the Barns with coffee, tea, biscuits. Donations.

Redlingfield

Wednesday 19th Nov wreath laying

A wreath will be laid at the memorial on Green Lane to commemorate the ten young US airmen who died on this day in 1943 when their B-17 crashed on take-off. From 8.30am.

Sunday 30th November

For our Benefice Eucharist this month on the 30th, we're all going to St Andrew's Redlingfield to celebrate St Andrew's day.

Stradbroke RBL is repeating the popular 'gift concert' again this year. Sat 6th December at Stradbroke High School. The Anglian Salvation Army band, Anglia Fellowship Brass, will provide the music. Gluhwein supplied. The audience are requested to bring a small wrapped Christmas present for a serviceman's wife at AAC Wattisham. Timing to be finalised.

Deanery Prayer Workshops

The last workshop will be 10am-12 noon, Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield on Sat 8th Nov. Led by Rev David and Rev Ron, techniques this month will be praying in the manner of the saints.

Evening Communion at Denham

Our next monthly midweek Communion at Denham will be on Tuesday 11th, at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in this reflective service.

Don't forget the clocks go back Sat 25th October. Don't be late for church in the morning!