

NOV 2015	1 Nov Festival of All Saints	8 Nov Remembrance	15 Nov Second before Advent	22 Nov Christ the King	29 Nov Advent Sunday
	Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 2:1-6a John 11:32-44		Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8	Daniel 7:9,10,13-14 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Comm		4.30pm Benefice Advent Carols
Denham		11.15am * Act of Remembrance		11.15am Family Service	
Horham		3pm Remembrance Service		11.15am Family Service	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Remembrance Service	8.30am BCP Holy Comm 11.15am Friends' Service	10.00am Family Service	
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion	10.30am * Act of Remembrance		10am Morning Prayer	
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for the benefice	9.15am * Act of Remembrance	10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	9.45am * Act of Remembrance	10am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	11.15am Benefice Comm led by Revd Michael Womack

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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November 2015

This month begins with remembering loved ones and praying for All Souls. It ends with our imagining what it means to have Christ as the eternal king, the implications of that for our sense of being ruled over and the focus of our obedience. In between those high spots come annual services of honouring those killed in action, the members of our armed forces lost in battles at sea, in the air and on land. This year there will be no let up from the vivid reminders of the many other casualties of war, those killed in their own countries by outrageous violence and mindless atrocity. And in between those peaks of prayer and tender, national occasions is yet another roll-call: the saints and martyrs of the Christian faith.

High on that list is St Edmund, whose feast day is Friday 20 November. There is a special service at Hoxne at 6pm that evening, when we recall the saint whose name resounds through this county, our diocese and the claims of local history.

So, it's a month when much of our worship will be public: we will be joined by others who wish to remember and find in their honouring something that touches their lives. We can give a name to that. It might be we can address Him as King but never forget that for many others He is no less real and a light in their personal darkness. We do not have a monopoly on God any more than when we worship we do so alone; for above, around and within us is the worship of heaven - if only we had ears to hear and eyes to see and hearts to believe!

May God bless you.

Canon Andrew

Revd Susan Loxton - 01379 388439 Revd Canon Andrew Vessey - 01379 588389
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Athelington: St Peter. Evelyn Adey 01728 628428, John Davy 01379 742878

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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, John Leader 01379 668205

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

Tuesday 10 November at Denham, 7.30pm, Benefice Communion

***Act of Remembrance at village war memorials**

Cleaning of Wingfield church

We have regular cleaning and churchyard cleanups and would like to encourage more people to help us. Please contact Michael or Sue Harvey on 01379 586355.

Wingfield Barns - Tel: 01379 384505.

email: enquiries@wingfieldbarns.co.uk.

Friday 20 November 7.30pm: Open Space Theatre Company presents Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekov. Desire, jealousy, unrequited love and thwarted ambition are revealed in Chekhov's classic story of country life. Tickets £10, concs £8.50.

Saturday 5 December 12-4pm:

Wingfield Christmas Fayre at Wingfield Barns. Lots of stalls, crafts, decorations, paper flowers, scarves, shabby chic, vintage items, Body Shop, Christmas wreaths, hand painted wooden items, jewellery, raffle, mince pies. An afternoon out for the family.

Angels and Pinnacles, the scheme that encourages visitors to groups of ancient churches (incs Hoxne and Wingfield) is spreading its wings. A leaflet produced on heritage trails and a church guide for children are useful additions to any church literature. Brian at Hoxne has a supply of these leaflets and would be happy to deliver within the benefice (01379 669157).

Big Sky, Village Voices & Crossing the Border

Three choirs in concert singing Georgian Chant, Jubilee Gospel, Balkan love songs as well as new tradition English folk plus specially commissioned contemporary choral music. All profits to Solidarity Symi. Sat 7 November, 7.30pm, at St Peter and St Paul Church, Hoxne Tickets £10 and £8.00 in advance from eventbrite or call Jenny on 01379 668403.

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

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Cycle Ride Update

Having received most of the amount of money raised and the number of visitors to the churches, it is amazing what can be achieved by our small villages, so again a big thank you to all those who rode, walked and recorded and of course, thank you very much to all the generous sponsors. Here are the results. Half the money goes to the church and half to the Historic Churches Trust:-

Church	Money Raised	Visitors to the church
Athelington	£ 0	34
Denham	£820	12
Horham	£449.30	33
Hoxne	£1718.50	28
Redlingfield	£480	35
Syleham	£165	29
Wingfield	£278	22
Total	£3910.80	

Hoxne Church

Revd Susan will be at Hoxne on Sat 31 Oct for the annual service to commemorate the departed. This special time, for those wishing to remember loved ones, begins at 4pm.

November 20 (St Edmund's Day)

Evensong in Hoxne church, 6pm and a vividly illustrated talk about the life and times of St Edmund, at 7.30pm in the village hall, by raconteur Chris Parfitt. The bar will be open before and after the talk with buffet refreshments afterwards.

The Shoebox Gift scheme makes a happy Christmas for children around the world. Anne Swann (01379 669322) at Hoxne is the local organiser and welcomes offers of help before 16 Nov.

Messy Church for the benefice last month had a harvest theme, based on the story of the little boy's picnic of five loaves and two fishes, and we produced a net of fishes for Denham Church and harvest 'paintings' (using tractor wheels and potato prints) for Syleham Church. There were even 'loaves and fishes' biscuits for tea! Future Messy Church sessions will be on 1st November, with a 'remembering' theme, and 6th December, when we shall be making Christingles: both sessions at 4pm at the Village Hall in Syleham. To any families who have not yet given us a try, come and see!

Syleham Harvest Festival There were 35 adults and 4 children at the harvest service, which was led by Canon Andrew Vessey and included participation by a number of people, notably presentation of symbolic gifts by two young children who made a lovely picture as they walked up the aisle together. The congregation were invited to bring contributions for the local food bank (3 big boxes delivered) and the collection, which totalled £400, will be sent to the Ipswich Night Shelter. St Margaret's was beautifully decorated. After the service, most joined us at the Village Hall for a splendid harvest tea and friendly chat

Denham midweek, evening communion, Tues 10 Nov, 7.30pm.

Sunday 15 November - Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Bishop Clive during Evensong at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. Bishop Clive was a frequent visitor to the Hoxne deanery and will be fondly remembered by many. Bishop Nigel Stock, former Bishop of the diocese and now Bishop at Lambeth, said: "It was with immense sadness that I heard of the death of my gentle, wise and delightful colleague of six years." The service will begin at 3.30pm.

Always plenty of coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter.

* **Redlingfield** on Wednesday 4 November, the first of the village winter coffee mornings will be from 10am until noon at the home of Neville and Jan Butcher at Hill house, Redlingfield. (opposite the post box on the village triangle). Usual coffee, tea, cakes and fellowship plus a book swap.)

* **Wingfield coffee at Wingfield Barns**, 10am to 12 noon, Tuesday 17 Nov.

* **Friends of Hoxne Church** coffee morning, Saturday 28 November.

Also in Redlingfield

Redlingfield Swing Dance. 1940s & 50s Swing Dance at The Red Feather Club, Horham Airfield, with DJs to raise money for repairs to Redlingfield church. 14 Nov, 7.30pm. Tickets £8. Advance tickets only: Cheques payable to Redlingfield Parish Meeting - Send a SAE to Mike Ager, Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU (01379 678835) or from Redlingfield Village Committee members. DJs: AndyAV8 and The Baker Boy.

The Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne will be helping to plan and conduct the third Sunday Service on 15 November. The service, which will be a prelude to the group celebrating its 30th anniversary next year, begins at 11.15am. Old and new friends will be warmly welcomed.

Christmas begins in Hoxne on Saturday 28 November with the Christmas Fair in St Edmund's Hall. Opening at 12noon and running through to mid afternoon, the fair is always a source of festive treats and all-round enjoyment. Lunch-time refreshments will be available - and Father Christmas is planning his annual visit.