

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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November 2016

The traditional approach to being made a saint was that you went through various stages and were promoted until, with two miracles credited to you, you were declared a saint. It was not without controversy. After the Reformation, the Church of England lost interest in such an approach and has declared very few people saints since.

This curiously is a lot closer to how the New Testament understands sainthood; paradoxically there was nothing special about being a saint because everyone who followed the way of Christ was a saint. This applied even if you weren't doing a very good job of it; in both of Paul's letters to the church in Corinth, where he is at his fiercest in his criticism of them, he still starts by calling them saints!

November is the month of saints, from the personal saints of those who've inspired us at the Commemoration of the Departed, to the grander saints of All Saints and onto those who laid down their lives for others at Remembrance. May this month of the saints inspire us all to follow the Way of Christ more faithfully.

Reverend Michael

Rev Michael's Rest Days Thurs 3, Thurs 10, Fri 11, Thurs 17, Fri 18, Thurs 24 November,

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Redlingfield: St Andrew. Hazel Abbott 01379 678217

Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

NOV 2016	6 Nov Trinity 24	13 Nov Trinity 25 Remembrance	20 Nov Trinity 26 Christ the King	27 Nov Advent Sunday
	Lament 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion*	4.30pm Candlelight Advent Carols*
Denham		3pm Act of Remembrance*		11.15am Family Service
Horham		3pm Act of Remembrance		11.15am CW Holy Communion *
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion *	10.45am Act of Remembrance*	8.30am BCP Communion* 11am Beer and hymns for St Edmund at the Hoxne Swan*	10.00am Family Service
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion *	10.45am Act of Remembrance ^		10.00am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church*	9.30am Act of Remembrance +	10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion *
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	8.30am Said Communion* 9am Act of Remembrance*	10am Family Service	3.30pm Christingle

Tuesday 8 November, Midweek Communion at Reading Hall, Denham
(contact Barbara Irwin 01379-870500), 7.30pm *

* with Rev Michael + with Canon Andrew ^ with Rev Richard

Prayer breakfasts

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 for where we will be, as we rotate between homes.

Live Nativity on Christmas Eve

Preparations have started for this year's Live Nativity and you can be part of it. There are lovely costumes and no words to learn as there is a narrator. The actual performance will be Christmas Eve at 3pm. If you want to take part, please contact Barbara Irwin, cobowner@gmail.com or 01379 870500.

People in Syria are starving. We can help just buying one extra tin or other item a week. Please make sure there are at least 6 months expiry. The following are wanted: dried spaghetti, rice, dried pulses, seeds, fruit, vegetable oil, tinned tuna, sardines, mackerel, tinned beans (all but baked beans), chick peas, lentils, tomatoes, kidney beans, long life milk; also over the counter medications such as ibuprofen and paracetamol, plasters, Vicks, Savlon, cotton wool.

Anyone who is interested in getting some boxes together, or who is involved with an organisation that can organise putting some together (eg, Mothers' Union, schools etc) can contact Tanya on realityshines@talk21.com or Val Mccurdy on 07773070345 for more details.

Wingfield Barns 01379 384505

Friday 11 November, 7.30pm. Open Space Theatre Company presents *A Dolls' House* by Henrik Ibsen, £10, Concessions £8.50.

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

Food for thought...

Our monthly lunchtime series on the parable of the prodigal son finishes with us thinking about the father, Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's writings. Syleham Village Hall, 12 noon, Weds 23 Nov. All welcome, booking not required but numbers please for the catering. No charge, donations welcome, 'surplus' will be used for benefice funds.

Denham After the family service at 11.15am on 27 November, there will be bric-a-brac and Save the Children Christmas cards for sale. Please support.

Forthcoming Christmas Events

More details in Dec's benefice news.

Sat 26 Nov Hoxne Christmas Fete noon-2.30pm.

Sun 27 Nov Christingle Wingfield 3.30pm

Sat 3 Dec Redlingfield Christmas event stalls and displays.

Sun 4 Dec Redlingfield event continues 9.30am with Communion, church then open with displays, ends with a Carol Service at 4pm.

Tues 13 Dec Hoxne School Carol Service in church, 6pm.

Also Denham, 7.30pm, Benefice Communion/Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Sun 18 Dec Syleham (see right). Wingfield Carols by Candlelight 4pm, followed by mince pies/ mulled wine. Hoxne Christingle.

Tues 20 Dec Redlingfield Carols, 7pm.

Weds 21 Dec Wingfield Rectory Open House (afternoon and eve). Also Beer and Carols at Horham Community Centre.

Christmas Eve Live Nativity, Reading Hall, Denham, 3pm.

Coffee in the Old School Hall in Horham

every Wednesday morning from 10am with coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter, internet access and tuition.

The Rural Coffee Caravan is taking its winter break but there are still monthly coffee mornings

* in **Redlingfield** on Weds 2 Nov at the home of David and Jaqueline Love, Western Barn, Abbots Meadow.

* in **Wingfield** at Wingfield Barns on Tues 15 Nov, both 10am to 12 noon.

Redlingfield Quiz

On Saturday 26 Nov, Redlingfield Church quiz to raise funds for continuing work to update the church. The quiz is to be held at Horham Community Centre at 7pm for 7.30pm, with tables for four, at a cost of £5 per person including a plated supper.

The Suffolk Historic Churches

sponsored cycle ride -

We thought you might be interested in how much money was raised by the ride. Half of the amount below will go to SHCT and half to the individual churches. Well done and thank you to one and all.

Church	Visitors to church	Money Raised
Athelington	20	0
Denham	11	874.50
Horham;	30	325.00
Hoxne	26	760.00
Redlingfield	16	320.00
Syleham	28	50.00
Wingfield	tbc	tbc
Total		£2,329.50

Remembrance Sunday services

Sunday 13 Nov. See rotas for details....



Hoxne

Beer and hymns for St Edmund's Day, Sunday 20 November, 11am at the Hoxne Swan. No service in church. Come and hear the story of our local hero, the patron saint of East Anglia. Choose your favourite hymns and we will sing them.

The Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch, meets on 21 Nov, 2.15pm at Time House, Hoxne.

Friends of St Peter & St Paul monthly coffee morning, Sat 26 November, 10am to 12 noon in Hoxne church.

Lord, teach us to pray Fri 11 Nov, 10am-4pm, St Andrew's Church, The Street, Rushmere St Andrew IP5 1DH. A day led by Bishop Martin looking at Jesus' teaching on how to pray. How are we to pray? A question Christians have been asking in every generation and this day will give an opportunity to reflect on the prayer that Jesus taught us, looking at familiar words in fresh and imaginative ways. This event is free and drinks (but not lunch) will be provided. To register, contact Caroline Redman via spirituality@cofesuffolk.org or phone 01359 269335.

Syleham has its Carol Service, with Amici, on Sunday 18 December at 11.15am. The village carol singers will be out and about (Syleham & Wingfield) on the evening of Tuesday 20 December and anyone wishing to join them or invite a visit should contact Adrian Knott on 669320.

Messy Church for the benefice continues in the Village Hall at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month and new families are always welcome to join in our fun activities and story, and share a scrumptious tea. Contact for any of the above - Churchwarden Mary Lewis, 01379 669258 mary.lewis43@icloud.com.