



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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November 2019

Nov 2019	Sunday 3 Trinity 20	Sunday 10 Remembrance	Sunday 17 2 nd before Advent	Sunday 24 Christ the King
Athel'ton			9.30am ^ Holy Communion	
Denham		10.45am * Act of Remembrance		11.15am + Holy Communion
Horham		9.30am ^ BCP said Comm 3pm ~ Act of Remembrance		
Hoxne	8.30am * BCP Communion	10.45am + Act of Remembrance	11.15am ^ Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins
Redl'field	9.30am * Holy Communion	10.45am ^ Act of Remembrance		10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm # Benefice Messy Church	10.45am ~ Act of Remembrance	10am Village Praise	9.30am + BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11.15am * Holy Communion	9.00am ~ Act of Remembrance		6.30pm Evensong. Focus on our link diocese of Kagera

* with Rev Michael Womack ^ with Rev Richard Court
+ with Rev Eleanor Goodison ~ with Rev John
with Revs Eleanor and Michael

From the rector

A European might say that they dreamt a deceased relative spoke to them; an African is more likely to say that a deceased relative spoke to them in a dream; what's the difference?! I can't explain that in 280 words, but November is definitely the month when we westerners allow ourselves the chance to admit that there might be something in the African phrase.

In November, we are conscious that those who have gone before us are actually still very close. Perhaps we're more comfortable with the Celtic thought that this is a 'thin time' of the year when the barrier between living and departed is silken thin, delicate as an autumn leaf.

The church calendar reflects this with the commemorations of All Saints, followed by All Souls (see inside for Memorial and Thanksgiving in Hoxne), then Remembrance Sunday.

It's also said that you can never capture the soul of Africa but Africa always captures your soul and so I'm very glad that in marked contrast to the autumnal weather, it's quite an African month in our benefice. We'll be focussed on our partner diocese of Kagera in NW Tanzania firstly at Messy Church; in the morning services I'll bring an African perspective to the Bible passages and then on the last Sunday of the month, the Kagera team from the diocese will be leading our benefice evensong in Wingfield.

One final observation, if New York is a little bit of Europe in America, then South Africa is a little bit of Europe in Africa, but because Africa captures your heart, we'll be there for a large part of November- being close to some of our living relatives!

Rev Michael Womack

Rev Michael's holidays/rest days: Thurs 7, Mon 11 to Thurs 28 Nov

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Saturday 2 Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, 4pm, Hoxne Church. Central to this reflective service is the reading out of the names of those we wish to remember, and there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. If there is someone you would like remembered, please contact me. Rev Michael, 01379 388889, hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

Saturday 2 Redlingfield Quiz at The Old School, Horham, 7 for 7.30pm start. Teams of 4, £6 per head - including light supper refreshments. Bar and raffle available. Contact Chris Stanford to book a team on 01728 628474.

Sunday 3 Messy Church for the benefice in Syleham Church, 4pm, featuring a Tanzanian theme. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

Wednesday 6 Redlingfield winter coffee morning (instead of the Coffee Caravan) 10am -12 noon at the home of Midge Gibbons, Rush Meadow. Come along for a chat with friends over a drink and delicious cake. Donations welcome.

Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 Coffee and internet café in the Old School Hall in Horham, 10.30am-12 noon for coffee, cake, good company, computer support.

Saturday 9 Quiz Night, to raise funds for the Friends of the Church, 7.30pm, in the village hall. Teams of up to 6, £5 per head. Picnics welcome for half time (no alcohol as bar will be open). Raffle. Call Michael Knights on 01379 668060.

Sunday 10 Remembrance Sunday

We will remember them
(see service rotas)



Saturday 16 Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning in church, 9.30am to 11am. All welcome. Book stall and raffle.

Tuesday 19 Wingfield winter coffee morning (instead of the Coffee Caravan) - 10am -12 noon at Wingfield Barns. Come along for a chat over a drink and cake. Donations welcome.

Wednesday 20 St Edmund's Day Service, commemorating the 1150th anniversary of his martyrdom, 7pm at Hoxne Church with Bishop Mike presiding. Village Voices choir. All welcome. No tickets. Come and see our new St Edmund screen.

Saturday 23 Hoxne Church Christmas Fair, 12noon to 3pm. Hoxne Village Hall. Mulled wine, a visit from Father Christmas, grand raffle, cakes, gifts, refreshments and more.
Also A concert at Hoxne Church, 7pm, with readings and music in honour of St Edmund with a professional choir of Opus Anglicanum and Radio 4's Zeb Soanes presenting the readings. Tickets – adult £15, child £10, available from Hoxne Post Office 07932 768900, aewwhite734@btinternet.com All proceeds to the church bells' restoration.

Sunday 24 Benefice Evensong, 6.30pm in Wingfield is led by the 'Kagera team' from the diocese and focuses on our partner diocese in North West Tanzania and developments there.

Ministries Fair at Bury Cathedral Saturday 2 November, 12.30 to 2.30pm: explore stalls with information about a wide range of organisations/ministries; 2.30pm: keynote speaker; 3.30pm: Evensong. If you are interested in attending to find out more about ways to serve God and the church, please contact Rev Eleanor on 07876 143579 or eleanor.goodison@gmail.com.

Prayer breakfasts continue Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am. We always aim to finish by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for venue details.

Mothers' Union No regular monthly meeting in November. The next one will be Monday 16 December, 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne. Please contact Cathie McGregor on 01379 668434.

Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child We would like to encourage people to make up shoe boxes for children, to be sent round the world by the Samaritan's Purse organisation. Leaflets explaining what you need to do are in Hoxne church or you can find the same info online at samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ Please deliver your wrapped shoeboxes to Anne Swann or Hoxne church by 15 November. For more details, please contact Anne on 01379 669322 or anneswann3@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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Advance notices
Sunday 1 December Candlelight Advent service at St Peter, Athelington, 4.30pm. Please join us for a warm welcome and advent carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Wednesday 18 December Carols at Wingfield Dear Friends, you are cordially invited to a Christmas BBQ with mulled wine at Oaklands Farm, Bleach Green, Wingfield. Nativity scene (donkey and other animals) and a craft stall. Carols in barn if weather inclement. A free event, kindly hosted by Charlotte and Ben Claxton. Donations appreciated for food and mulled wine. Please let us know by 8 Dec if you are able to join us, to help with catering. Proceeds to St Elizabeth's Hospice and St Andrew's Church. Sharon, 01379 384854. Best wishes, the Wingfield Events team.

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