



# Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham  
Hoxne Redlingfield  
Syleham Wingfield



## November 2021 News

### Within our darkest night

'Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away'. These are the words to a Taize chant which we use at our annual Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for those we have lost (held on Saturday 30th October this year). This is the season when the days shorten, the nights close in and the church focuses on remembering, with All Saints' Day on 1st November and All Souls' Day on 2nd November, followed of course by Remembrance Sunday which falls on 14th November in 2021. This year, we have more than eighteen months of the Covid 19 pandemic, with all the change and loss that it has brought us, to look back on and remember. But God is always with us through the darkest times, with the hope and promise of light and joy to come. Before November is over, Advent will have begun and we will be preparing for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ at Christmas.

With the darker evenings and increasing Covid infection rates, our monthly Evensong at Wingfield is moving back to Zoom. Don't forget that we also have a weekly Compline service on Zoom on Friday evenings and that we stream a service every Sunday on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch. We will be keeping our Covid precautions under review and will make changes if necessary in the light of Church of England or government guidance – and, importantly, your views.

Stay safe.

**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 on Thursday will normally be dealt with on Friday. She will be on jury service for the second half of November and during this time will have very limited availability during weekdays. Please try to save any routine business until the end of November.*

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

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NOV 2021	7th November 3rd before Advent	14th November Remembrance	21st November Christ the King	28th November Advent Sunday
Athelington				4pm JM Advent Carol Service
Denham		6pm JM Remembrance Service		11am JM CW Holy Communion
Horham		3pm EG Remembrance Service	11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	10.45am EG Remembrance Service	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	9.30am JS BCP Matins
Redlingfield		10.45am RC CW Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance		
Syleham	4pm Messy Church, village hall /meadow. ML + team	10.45am JM Remembrance Service	10am ML Village Service	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion	9am EG BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Act of Remembrance	6pm EG Evensong on Zoom - see below	No all-age service

**Saturday 30th October, 4pm, Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, Hoxne EG**

**Saturday 20th November, 6pm, Evensong, Hoxne EG**

### 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](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com)

**Sunday 21st November, 6pm, Evensong on Zoom EG**

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

On the rota above

EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken JS - John Swann

ML - Mary Lewis RC - Revd Richard Court

### Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter. Colin Palmer 01728 628747  
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Wingfield: St Andrew. Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579

## Saturday 30th October

**Annual Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving** for those we have lost, 4pm at Hoxne church. The service will be especially poignant this year as we remember all those who have died as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## NOVEMBER

**Tuesday 2nd** (and each first Tuesday)  
**Coffee & Cake** Drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10am - 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse magazines and books.

## Rural coffee caravan

**Redlingfield: Wednesday 3rd** (at the church).

**Wingfield: Tuesday 16th** (to be confirmed). Both 10am - 12 noon. Come along for a warm welcome, coffee, cake, good company, conversation and information. Although provided, bring your own chair and mug if you prefer.

## Sunday 7th

**Messy Church** is back at Syleham Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming members old and new at 4pm for fun and messy activities, story, prayer and of course a scrummy tea! If you would like further details, please contact Mary Lewis on 01379 669258.

## Tuesdays 12th and 26th

**Bible Study Group** Our regular Bible Study Group returns on Tuesdays and continues to meet fortnightly at 7.30pm via Zoom, with meetings on 9th and 23rd November (not 2nd, 16th and 30th as in village magazines).

## Remembrance Services around the benefice - 14th November

9am BCP Holy Communion and 9.30am Act of Remembrance, Wingfield  
10.45am Common Worship Holy Communion, Act of Remembrance, Redlingfield  
10.45am Remembrance Service, Hoxne  
10.45am Remembrance Service, Syleham  
3pm Remembrance Service, Horham  
6pm Remembrance Service, Denham

*Lest we forget!*



Sessions last no more than an hour. Each session is self-contained, so do join in when you can. If you don't receive the Zoom link, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor to be added to the list.

## Saturday 13th

**Coffee morning in aid of St Andrew's church**, 10am-12 noon, at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall. Cake stall, cd/dvd/book stall and saleable 2nd hand men's/women's clothes rail with shoes and handbags too. Raffle. Donations gratefully accepted of any of the above, please let Jacky know at taylor5re@btinternet.com 01379 388355. Happy to collect.

**Monday 15th Mothers' Union**, 2pm at Time House, Hoxne.

**Wednesday 17th You are invited to an important deanery meeting at 7pm in Fressingfield parish church when the results of our recent discussions of the future pattern of ministry in this area will be presented for approval. You do not need to be a deanery synod member to attend – all welcome.**

**Saturday 20th** (and each 3rd Saturday)  
**Hoxne Church monthly coffee morning**, 9.45am in the church. Tea, coffee and cake! Book stall, bring-and-buy, raffle. All welcome.

## Also Saturday 20th

### Evensong for St Edmund

St Edmund's Day is Saturday 20th November. We will hold a special Evensong in Hoxne church at 6pm, followed by drinks and nibbles.

## Sunday 28th

**Advent Sunday** Advent begins on Sunday with Athelington's traditional Advent Carol Service at 4pm. All welcome.

## Looking ahead

**Club Create** Following on the success of our summer art workshops for 7 – 12 year olds and 12 year olds and over, we are planning more events. If you are interested, get in touch with Revd Eleanor.

Copies of this newsletter are in churches. Email Virginia, to receive it by email, on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

## Saturday 4th December

**Hoxne Christmas Market** from 12-3pm. Light lunches will be served, there will be lots of festive stalls and Father Christmas will be making an appearance.

## Sat 4th and Sun 5th December

**Decorated windows** at Redlingfield church on the theme of 'Christmas Around the World'. Church open and refreshments served 11am to 3pm both days. Donations in aid of St Andrew's church.

## Virtual Christmas Market

**Our Virtual Christmas Market** was such a success last year we will be repeating it! If you have crafts, eatables or gifts to sell on behalf of your church, let Revd Eleanor know and we will include them in the catalogue which will be circulated later in November. We will need a contact name and number so buyers can get in touch with you and arrange to pick up their purchases.

## 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 £811 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!** [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice).

Many people shop online and most of us spend more at Christmas online than at other times of the year so now is a great time to raise more money!

## Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages: [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or [facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).