

Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham
Horham Hoxne Redlingfield
Syleham Wingfield

November 2023 News



Nov 2023	Sunday 5th All Saints' Sunday	Sunday 12th Remembrance	Sunday 19th 2nd Sunday before Advent	Sunday 26th Christ the King
Athelington	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion			
Denham		3pm 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 JM Remembrance Service	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	11am EG CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		10.45am EG Remembrance Service		
Syleham	4pm Messy Church Syleham and Wingfield village hall ML+team	10.45am ML Remembrance Service	10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion	9am JM BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance	6pm EG BCP Evensong	

Saturday 4th, Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, 4pm, Hoxne church

On the rotas....EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken
ML - Mary Lewis RC - Revd Richard Court

Online Services

Every Saturday and Sunday: Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch), 8am
Every Friday: Compline on Zoom, 6pm.

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul	Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046
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, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579

Light in the darkness

The clocks have gone back and the afternoons are now quite dark. We have already experienced severe weather and floods. This is a time of year which many people dislike. But even as the weather gets colder and we brace ourselves for more storms, there is light in the darkness. The neighbourly response to those who were flooded out recently – offering accommodation, helping with the clear-up and generally looking out for each other – was a demonstration that love and kindness will always overcome.

Our church services this month focus on remembrance:

- of those we have loved who are no longer with us at our Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving at 4pm on Saturday 4th November at Hoxne;
- of all the saints on All Saints' Sunday, 5th November;
- of those who gave up their lives in war on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November. We have services in most of our churches that day (not in the "blessed village" of Athelington);
- of those who died in the B17 crash between Redlingfield and Horham on Sunday 19th November;
- of Hoxne's patron saint, Edmund, in a special service at 9.30am on Sunday 19th November (transferred from 20th November); and
- of Wingfield's patron saint, Andrew, at a service at 6pm on Thursday 30th November.

While there are sombre aspects to these services, they are also opportunities to celebrate those who have gone before us and to rejoice in the light and hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As the days continue to get shorter, it is appropriate to remember some lines from Psalm 139: If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me and the light around me turn to night, even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day.'

Stay warm and safe and walk in the light! **Revd Canon 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 Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday.

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

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Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Virginia Skoyles: *Benefice Administrator, hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com*

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Wednesday 1st

Redlingfield's winter coffee mornings begin with one hosted by Sheila and Stuart Greenleaf at Tudor Rose, 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee (or tea), cake and a natter.

Saturday 4th

Our annual **Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving**, for those we have lost, will be at 4pm at Hoxne church. Please let Revd Eleanor have the names of any loved ones you would like to be commemorated: whether they died recently or long ago we will include them.

Sunday 5th

Messy Church meets at Syleham Village Hall at 4pm as usual and will be focusing on a theme of light. Designed specially for children aged 3-7 with their parents or carers, but all are welcome to join in.

Tuesday 7th

Coffee and Cake: drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham. 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse a few books.

Also Tuesday 7th

Little Lambs meets at Hoxne pavilion at our new time of 12.30 to 2.30pm, for children aged 0-3 and their carers. Bring your sandwiches and we can eat together.

Sunday 12th

Remembrance Sunday – for services see back page.



Lest we forget

See rota for all
Remembrance Services



Wednesday 15th

The **Book Club** meets at 6pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield to discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Everyone welcome – we are very informal and everyone gets a chance to contribute.

Saturday 18th

Hoxne Church Coffee Morning and book sale. 9.45 to 11.15am in church. All welcome.

Sunday 19th

B17 memorial service, 8.15am at the memorial, Redlingfield.

Monday 20th

Mothers' Union Fellowship meeting at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne, 2.30pm.

Tuesday 21st

Wingfield winter coffee morning at Wingfield Barns. 10am to 12pm as usual. All welcome.

Saturday 25th

Hoxne Christmas Fair takes place from 12 noon to 2.30pm in Hoxne Village Hall. Stalls, games, soup lunches and (just maybe) a visit from Father Christmas.



Tuesday 28th

We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at 2.30pm at **The Depperhaugh**. Additional singers are always welcome.

Also Tuesday 28th

Our **Bible Study** group meets on Zoom at 7.30pm. We will be continuing with our theme of 'Salvation'.

Thursday 30th

Patronal Festival at Wingfield Church at 6pm. Come and celebrate St Andrew's Day with an informal service, followed by refreshments.

Looking Ahead:

Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December

Wingfield Barns Christmas Market with church stall.

Sunday 3rd December

Advent Sunday. Three events, all at 4pm.
* Messy Church Christmas party at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall.
* Confirmation service with Bishop Mike at Wingfield church, including, we hope, the commissioning of our new lay elder.
* Advent Carol Service at Athelington church.



Wednesday 6th December

Waveney Choir Christmas Concert at Wingfield church at 7pm. Suggested donation £10. Refreshments.

Keep in touch!

Check out our facebook pages:
facebook.com/WingfieldChurch or
facebook.com/athelingtonchurch
facebook.com/HoxneMC

For email newsletters from the diocese, email communications@cofesuffolk.org

Samaritans - It's alright to ask for help

Tel: 116123

Refuge, against domestic violence

Tel: 0800 2000 247

ChildLine

Tel: 0800 1111

Waveney Foodbank

Tel: 07484 394749

Waveney Foodbank - more food always required please. If you can, please make extra donations either at Hoxne church or when you do your supermarket shop. Tinned and dry foods along with jams (not home-made) and pasta sauces always welcome or you may donate money online.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy for anyone who shops online, especially with Christmas coming...giving the benefice a percentage of everything you spend at no cost to you. So far, we have raised **£1000** for the benefice this way – We would love you to sign up - easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice.