

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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October 2015

Many of you will know that for a whole week in September, I was tied up stewarding an exhibition of my art work held in St Michael's, Framlingham. It was decidedly chilly at times but the warmth of many conversations more than made up for the nasty weather. Many of the visitors were on a heritage trail, doing the castle and church, exploring the many features St Michael's has that remind us of Tudor England and the power struggles close to the throne, its heirs and some of the most significant families in the land. In the case of Framlingham, following the Dissolution at Thetford, it was decided to bring them back and build a new chancel, or mausoleum, for the great and the good !

That made me ponder for a bit as to how we have carried history in our own churches, the extra evidence each one carries in plaques and memorials to causes and individuals. At one time these things mattered a great deal. Indeed how we view history and value each other, how we express the equality with which the gospel speaks while respecting the monarchy and establishment, is always a hot topic. It has recently got the new Labour leader into trouble!

Let us rather celebrate that each of our parish churches plays a key role in the way our whole society works, rather than the particular, and that will include celebrating our corporate relationship to the Queen ,for whom we regularly pray in the established church. What extraordinary and faithful witness. What a wonderful example of humility and duty. Maybe we should sing the national anthem far more frequently - all of it !
May God bless her and yourselves.

Canon Andrew

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Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

OCT 2015	4 Oct 18 th after Trinity	11 Oct 19 th after Trinity	18 Oct Luke the Evangelist	25 Oct Last after Trinity	31 Oct
	Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Amos 5:6,7,10-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Isaiah 35:3-6 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10: 46-52	
Athel'ton				with Redlingfield	
Denham				11.15am Family Service	
Horham		9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Family Service	
Hoxne	11.15am Harvest Family Service followed at 12 noon by Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Morning Prayer	8.30am BCP Holy Communion. 11.15am Community Service	10.00am Family Service	4pm Benefice Commem- oration of the departed
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion 1.30pm Baptism			11am Harvest Morning Prayer	
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for the benefice		3pm Harvest Festival Praise /Harvest tea	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm Harvest Choral Evensong	

Tuesday 13 October at Denham, 7.30pm, Benefice Communion

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.
Exhibitions running from Sat 10 to Sun 25 Oct, 11am to 4pm, Weds to Sundays.....
The Royal Photographic Society East Anglian Region Members' Annual Exhibition. Also, in the adjacent gallery, you will also be able to see beautiful photographic images of East Anglia taken by some of our best photographers.

Art classes at Wingfield Barns with experienced art tutor John Parker. Open every Tuesday from 10am to 4pm. For further details email: artistjparker@gmail.com or call John on 07442 491734.

Comment on the plight of dairy farmers, from Canon Jill Hopkinson, national rural officer for the C of E, who is preaching at a benefice service at Wingfield on 29 November - If you are able to buy milk directly from a local farm, a farm shop or local shop then do so. If you buy your milk from the supermarket, find out how much they are paying the farmer before you choose where to buy. If we want to be able to eat British produced food tomorrow we need to buy and eat British food today and ensure that the growers and producers receive a fair price.

In Hoxne, the third Sunday series of services continues on 18 Oct (11.15am) when the focus will be on healthcare; in November (15), The Friends of Hoxne Church will be taking part.

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

A big thank you to all those who rode, walked and sat in chilly churches recording the visitors to their church; those who organised refreshments and of course, to all the generous sponsors. The day started inauspiciously with rain first thing but soon brightened up and the bikers and walkers came out. So thank you all for your superb efforts on behalf of all your local area organisers - Evelyn, Sue, Daphne, Caroline, Joan, Mary and John. Amounts raised will hopefully be published next month.

Hoxne Church

Oct 3/4 Harvest thro' Time. Harvest Flower Festival weekend with a really rural Harvest Festival service on Sun 4, 11.15am. Sat and Sun afternoons we will be offering 'rural refreshments'.

St Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne will be holding its Harvest Service in the parish church at 2.30pm on Mon 5 Oct. The service is always a joyful occasion for children and parents alike.

Oct 25 Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall - an event that has been going on for many years. 12.30 for 12.45pm. Friends £8.50, others £10.50, children u12, £5.

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.

Nov 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.

We continue to pray with love and concern for Revd Michael and his family and are very grateful for the continued support of Revd Canon Andrew Vessey and Revd Eleanor Goodison at this time.

Messy Church celebrated its first birthday in September, with party food, balloons - and a lively bible story about a party with a difference! Our next sessions, for all families in the Hoxne Benefice, will be Sun 4 Oct (harvest theme) and 1st Nov (remembrance), both at 4pm in the village hall in Syleham. You can find us (Hoxne Benefice Messy Church) on facebook.

Syleham's Harvest Festival will this year be at 3pm on 18th October, followed by a Harvest Tea in the village hall. Our flower arrangers are once again being asked to decorate the church and they are sure to make it look delightful as always. Canon Andrew Vessey will be leading the service and families will be particularly welcome.

Athelington Please note that there will be no October monthly communion service but we will join Redlingfield for Harvest Morning Prayer, 11am, Sun 25 Oct.

Denham midweek, evening communion, Tues 13 Oct, 7.30pm.

Sew early for Christmas Christmas Eve at Nora's Yard, Denham and our first live action Benefice Nativity Service. Help still wanted. Call Sue Roberts 01379 668602.

Discipleship Explored - Our 8 weekly get-togethers in Denham looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians has been postponed. More dates soon.

The Hoxne branch of the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning 10-12 noon, Weds 21 Oct, at The Rectory, St Andrew's House, Wingfield. There will be a bring and buy, cakes and Christmas and other cards for sale. All welcome. Cathie. Tel: 668434.

Always plenty of coffee to drink!

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

*The Rural Coffee Caravan will be Weds 7 Oct at Redlingfield, Tues 20 Oct at Wingfield, with news of what's happening around and about us.

*Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, Saturday 24 Oct.

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 work on the roof of Redlingfield Church is now scheduled to start on 26 Oct and is due to take 6 to 8 weeks. It is planned that the church will be open for services during that time.

Members of South West Ipswich Team

Ministry's congregations are planning a trip to Calais at the beginning of October with winter supplies (clothes, toiletries, food etc.) for the 'jungle' refugee camp. If you can support either by the donation of supplies (for all ages) or financial donations to cover the cost of the trip, please do get in touch. Donations to SWITM PCC (clearly mark the envelope 'Calais') to the SWITM Parish Office, 192 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ. Clothing can be delivered to the above address, dropped off to the Diocesan Office, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ or at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds.