

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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October 2017

When St Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy, he told him to pray for those in authority. The Church of England (for obvious reasons) takes this instruction very seriously; it is clear in the Book of Common Prayer and continues in Common Worship services.

But do we really mean it, or do we prayer for leaders while maintaining a cynical and jaundiced view of them? Recently I read an interview with Dan Matjila, whom you've probably never heard of but he is a South African civil servant. What are you thinking? South Africa, civil servant, probably corrupt and self-serving? And if I now add that he is in charge of investments for all the state employees there; teachers, nurses etc. etc., are you convinced in your opinion? All that easy money slopping around? Well, he complained in the interview that he was under 'political pressure' to use some of the funds (half a billion pounds) to bail out the state airline which is most certainly not a wise investment (though you should speak to a professional advisor if you are considering it). He expects the pressure to mount for the rest of this year and may well be sacked, but he will stand firm.

As St. Paul said, pray for those in authority. This leads to a more domestic thought, the end of this month sees our double service weekend of the Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving and All Saints; who have been the inspirational and significant leaders in your life? From parents to civil servants and onto monarchs and sainted kings and queens, we pray for all in authority.

Rev Michael

Rev Michael's days off in October. Thurs 4, Tues 10 to Tues 24, Thurs 26 October.

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Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

Oct 2017	1 October Trinity 12	8 October Trinity 13	15 October Trinity 14	22 October Trinity 15	29 October All Saints
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion +		11.15am Benefice Comm at Wingfield ~
Denham				11.15am Family Service	
Horham		11.15am Harvest Festival*		11.15am Holy Communion +	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion *	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Communion + 11.15am Family Service	10am Family Service	
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion *			10am Morning Prayer	
Syleham	4pm Messy Church*	3pm Harvest Festival*	10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion+	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion +		6.30pm BCP Evensong ^	

Tuesday 10 October, 7.30pm, Denham midweek Holy Communion+
Saturday 28 October, 4pm, Hoxne, Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving~

* with Rev Michael

+ with Rev Eleanor

~ with Rev Michael and Rev Eleanor

^ with Rev Richard

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Saturday 28 October – Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving

Now in its 4th year and a key part of helping us adjust to loss, our Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving will be in Hoxne Church at 4pm on Sat 28 October. 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. I have already started gathering names, so if there is someone you would like remembered, please contact me. Rev Michael, 01379 388889 hoxnebenefice@gmail.com. See poster below.

Coffee in the Old School Hall in Horham every Wednesday morning from 10.30am with coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter, internet access and tuition.

The Rural Coffee Caravan organisation

* in **Wingfield** on Tues 17 October, 10am to 12 noon.

* in **Redlingfield** on Weds 4 October, 10am to 12 noon, on the village triangle. The winter coffee mornings then start in the homes of hosts in the village. The first one is on Weds 1 November at the home of Mike Ager and Janet Norman Phillips at Hidcote Lodge from 10am until noon. Any queries about winter coffee mornings to Jacqueline on 01379 678805. A great source of information and a chance for a chat over a drink and cake. Donations welcome.

Tuesday 7 November: A Prayer and Spirituality Day 10am - 4pm at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich. A day led by Bishop Tim Stevens ~ we live in uncertain and troubling times. Many experience anxiety about the future and within the Church there is evidence of worries about what the next generation may bring. During this day Bishop Tim Stevens will explore God's promise to us of 'a joy which is complete'. How do we live this joy in our personal lives and in the Church and in a world like this? There will be space in the day for discussion and reflection and prayer. Enquiries to Caroline Redman, 01359 269335, spirituality@cofesuffolk.org

On the day of the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride event, many visitors came to Athelington St Peter's from as far away as Australia. We had 35 people to sign in. Sincere thanks to all who recorded and generously sponsored this event.

Monday prayer and breakfast continues We meet weekly at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We are finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for more details.

This newsletter is found in all our churches but if you would prefer to receive yours in advance, by email, please send your details to Virginia on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Hoxne Benefice Mothers' Union

Mon 16 October. New members welcome. Contact Cathie McGregor on 668434.

Friends of St Peter & St Paul Hoxne

The next Friends' coffee morning will be Saturday 21 October, 9.45 – 11.15am in church.

Messy Church for the benefice, 4pm, Sun 1 October at Syleham Village Hall. If you are interested in joining us for this fun and friendly family activity, you would be very warmly welcomed. Contact the rector, or Mary Lewis on 01379 669258.

Syleham Harvest Supper in the village hall on Saturday 14 October, 7pm for 7.15pm. It would be really helpful to know if you plan to come; the cost will be £10 per person to include first drink. By popular request, we shall probably repeat our table quizzes! Please contact Mary Lewis on 01379 669258 or mary.lewis43@icloud.com

Any old iron?

The round £1 coins go out of circulation in the middle of the month (16 Oct). After that you have to go to the bank to change them. But, we're here to help! Why not donate your old £1 coins into the wall safes and donation points in our churches? We will then take care of getting them to the bank; we are also willing to take care of other coins and bank notes that might be cluttering your life up!!

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Our next Evensong service will be Sunday 22 October, 6.30pm, at St Andrew's Wingfield with Rev Richard Court.

You are invited to join us at a
Hoxne Benefice Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving



** A time
to remember
and give thanks
for those
we have loved,
who have died,
no matter when
or where **

4.00pm
Saturday 28th October 2017
St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

Please stay for refreshments following the service

Contact: Reverend Michael Womack, 01379 388889