

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

Athelington * Denham * Horham

* Hoxne * Redlingfield * Syleham * Wingfield

October 2018

October 2018	7 Oct Trinity 18	14 Oct Trinity 19	21 Oct Trinity 20	28 Oct Trinity 21
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion +	
Denham				11.15am Village Service *
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion *		11.15am Village Service
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion +	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Communion + 11.15am Harvest Festival *	
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

* with Rev Michael + with Rev Eleanor
~ with Rev Michael and Rev Eleanor

This year, our Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, for those we have loved and lost, is at 4pm on Saturday 3 November at Hoxne church. Central to this reflective service is the reading out of the names of those we wish to remember. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. Please let Rev Eleanor know of any names to be included: eleanor.goodison@gmail.com or 07876 143579.

'I am the ocean and I do not fear the storm', is a Tanzanian proverb. It speaks of how storms stir up the surface of the ocean. This proverb has been on my mind a lot of late as I've prayed and reflected on all the turbulence that lies ahead over the next couple of years.

Some of that change is for positive reasons, such as the launching this month of a house group to help deepen our faith in God, this uses some very good material from the diocese of Norwich which explores the gospel of St Matthew using poetry, art and music as well as the Bible!

And, how to provide for the many young families who are now 'out-growing' Messy Church. This will be Family@church, and YOU can be part of it- just ask!

Some of the changes though are less palatable, such as the growing financial problems, and the dwindling number of lay elders for leading worship (we've lost 4 in the last 2 years.)

I will be speaking at length about the future of the benefice at a gathering of church officers at 10.30am on Saturday 20 October in the rectory. However due to the enormity of the subject, I'm extending this invitation to everyone, not just church officers - so you can be part of the future of this benefice.

Most importantly though we must always remember that just as the ocean 'knows' that the storm will pass, God has 'seen' it all before and we must keep our faith and looking to Jesus, the 'author and perfecter of our faith'.

Rev Michael

St Andrew's House, Vicarage Road, Wingfield, Diss, IP21 5RB. 01379 388889, hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

Rev Michael's rest days and teaching at ERMC this month are
Mon 1, Tues 2, Thurs 4, Fri 5, Sat 6, Sun 7 (though back for Messy Church I hope),
Thurs 11, Thurs 18, Thurs 25, Tues 30, Weds 31 October.

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter.

Rev Michael

Denham: St John the Baptist.

Rev Michael

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

Wingfield: St Andrew.

Rev Michael

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Wednesday 3

Coffee caravan in Redlingfield - 10am until 12 noon. The caravan is a great source of local information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake with great company. Just come along and see for yourself...

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Coffee and internet café in the Old School Hall in Horham, 10.30am to 12 noon for delicious coffee and cake, good company and computer support.

Saturday 6

South African Meal, 7pm, Old School Hall, Horham for a fundraising evening of South African food and drink to raise money for a children's arts project in Cape Town (South African Education and Environment Project). Tickets £10 from pipionides@yahoo.co.uk or at the coffee morning on Weds 3 Oct.

Sunday 7

Messy Church for the benefice at Syleham village hall, 4pm. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

Thursdays 11, 25

Home Group

Exploring the bible with art, poetry and music, beginning with five engaging and stimulating sessions on the Gospel of Luke. Alternate Thursdays, 7.30 to 9pm at Barbara Irwin's home, Flaxfield, Witton's Lane, Hoxne. (Other additional days/times would be considered). Any queries? Please contact either Barbara Irwin cobowner@gmail.com or Mary Lewis. mary.lewis43@icloud.com, 01379 669258.

Saturday 13

Redlingfield Quiz, 7 for 7.30pm at Old School, Horham. Teams of 4, £5 per person. Contact Chris Stanford to book on 01728 628474. Refreshments available. Proceeds to Redlingfield church.

Also **Syleham Harvest Supper**, 7 for 7.15pm at Syleham village hall with a hot supper and delicious puddings. Tickets £15. Contact Mary Lewis on 01379 669258 or mary.lewis43@icloud.com. Proceeds to church.

Sunday 14

Hoxne church harvest lunch, St Edmunds hall, 12.30pm. Tickets £10 from Margaret Brawn, Friends of Hoxne church, on 01379 668352.

Monday 15

Hoxne benefice Mothers' Union October meeting at Time House, Hoxne, 2.30pm. Contact Cathie on 01379 668434.

Tuesday 16

Coffee caravan in Wingfield - 10am until 12 noon. The caravan is a great source of local information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake with great company. Just come along and see for yourself.

Saturday 20

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning in the church, 10.30am to 12 noon.

Saturday 27

Beetle Drive for families, 6pm, £4 per adult and £1 per child. Ploughman's supper, raffle, private bar and children's activities. Call Sarah Hawes for more info. Organised jointly by Wingfield & Syleham. Tickets on the door. Contact Sarah Hawes on 01379 668038.

Also **Castleton Band concert** in Hoxne church followed by cheese and wine. Tickets £10 from Margaret Brawn, Friends of Hoxne church, on 01379 668352.

Hoxne's 'Open the Book' team visits St Edmunds primary school to retell bible stories to the children about 4 times termly. We need new team members. If anyone is interested, please contact Cathie McGregor 01379 668434.

Family@church

Volunteers wanted to join the team for our family@church benefice services which will be starting in December... attractive worship for all the family. If you are interested in being part of this new, monthly project, please let me know. Many thanks, Rev Michael.

Growing links with the Depperhaugh

From November, the Depperhaugh is running coffee mornings for **anyone** who is a carer, for mutual support, the first Thursday of every month starting on 1 Nov, 11.30am. We will be doing a raffle over Nov/Dec which will be drawn at our Christmas party, to which you are also invited, on 17th Dec.

Also Eleanor has established a rota of Holy Communion services in the care home, to which anyone at all is invited; the dates: Monday 8 October, 10.30 am, Monday 12 November, 10.30am, Monday 10 December, 10.30 am.

AND We are running a pilot series of interactive services, which we're calling Messy Depper (a trimmed back version of Messy Church), and the first of these will be for harvest on Sunday 21 October at 2.30pm. Anyone who would like to come and help with some simple craft activities is very welcome to come along.

There are paper copies of this newsletter in each church. For emailed copies, please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Advance notices

Saturday 3 November Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, 4pm at Hoxne church.

Saturday 17 November Quiz in St Edmund's hall, 7pm. Tickets £5 from Margaret Brawn, Friends of Hoxne church, on 01379 668352, or on the door.

Saturday 1 December Hoxne Christmas Fayre, 2pm at St Edmund's hall. Proceeds to Hoxne church.

Monday 17th December Carols on the Green, Wingfield, 6pm. Refreshments will be available, BBQ and drinks.



Live Nativity, 2.30pm on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev Michael or Barbara Irwin.

Let's raise funds for Churches of the Hoxne Benefice with easyfundraising! So easy to do during the run up to Christmas!
Please register to support us - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice> **£276 raised to date!**

SHCT Sponsored Bike Ride – A big thank you to all of you who supported the Bike Ride. Too early to say how much was raised for each of the churches but by the next issue of this newsletter, all will be revealed. It was a very pleasant day, not too windy and especially not too hot, considering the previous few weeks! So thank you to all of the riders, walkers, recorders, sponsors and organisers for making it happen. Sue Roberts