



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

Athelington * Denham * Horham * Hoxne
* Redlingfield * Syleham * Wingfield

October 2019

October 2019	Sunday 6 Trinity 15	Sunday 13 Trinity 16	Sunday 20 Trinity 17	Sunday 27 Trinity 18
Athel'ton			9.30am ^ Holy Communion	
Denham				11.15am + Holy Communion
Horham		9.30am ^ BCP Communion		
Hoxne	8.30am ^ BCP Communion		11.15am ^ Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins
Redl'field	9.30am ^ Holy Communion			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm * Benefice Messy Church in the church	10am Thanksgiving for re-decoration and blessing of J's plaque with Bishop Mike	10am * Harvest Praise and Baptism	9.30am + BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11.15am * Holy Communion			6.30pm Evensong

* with Rev Michael Womack ^ with Rev Richard Court
+ with Rev Eleanor Goodison

From the rector

Mary and I are off on our Falls tour; a trip to Niagara Falls combined with seeing the autumn colours of New England (well they're virtually next door). It's on our bucket list and we need to start somewhere!

Autumn is a season for thinking about endings and what will come next, as well as reflecting on what has happened in the year drawing to a close and our lives more broadly. Although the Christian faith is centred upon our story within Christ's story, and ultimately with the resurrection and continuance of life eternal, the Bible has sections which are the work of an older writer coming to the end of their days on earth.

Such as St Paul in 2 Timothy, here he writes to his protégé Timothy in the autumn, both literal and metaphorical of his life as he begs Timothy to do his best to get to him in Rome before winter (2 Tim 4:9, 21). This closing chapter (quite possibly one of the last things that Paul wrote), is a fascinating blend of practicalities, such as to bring Paul a cloak for the cold evenings - after all life still goes on. Along with reflective sections of who has hurt him (but I've always said that my memoirs will be called, *Names have been Changed to Protect the Guilty*), encouragement to Timothy in his own ministry and an acceptance of his situation, 'For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near' (2 Tim 4:6).

In the longer evenings of autumn, it would be a worthwhile exercise to write our own version of 2 Timothy and reflect on how we can encourage others and consider our own readiness to move on. **Rev Michael Womack**

Rev Michael's holidays/rest days: Tues 1, Weds 2, Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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Wingfield: St Andrew.	Rev Michael Womack

October

Wednesday 2

Redlingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan with advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am-12 noon. Donations welcome.

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Sunday 6 Messy Church for the benefice in Syleham Church, 4pm. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

Wednesday 9 Important Deanery Consultation at Syleham Village Hall, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Join us to have your input into the plans for the diocese over the next 5 years. The findings will be used for future deployment of resources.

Sunday 13

Syleham church. Thanksgiving for redecoration and blessing of J Leader's memorial plaque, with Bishop Mike.

Tuesday 15 Wingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan with advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am -12 noon. Donations welcome.

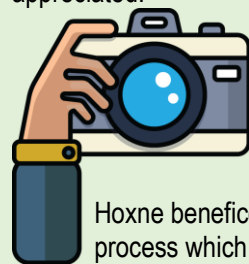
Saturday 19 Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning in church, 9.30am to 11am. All welcome. Book stall and raffle.

Also Saturday 19 Syleham Harvest Supper, village hall, Syleham IP21 4LT, 7 for 7.15pm. Fun quizzes as usual! £15 per person (includes hot supper and first drink). Numbers to Sarah Hawes 01379 668038. pilch.blackhorsefarm@btinternet.com Proceeds to St Margaret's Church, Syleham.

Prayer breakfasts continue on **Monday mornings** - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am. We always aim to finish by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for venue details, which change.

Mothers' Union Our regular monthly meeting will be Monday 21, 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne. Also, we are once again renting the 'l-Chameleon' shop in Halesworth from 24 Oct for one week. Any portable donations to sell gratefully received – except clothing. Please contact Cathie McGregor on 01379 668434.

Athelington Church would like to say thank you to all the 30 cyclists and walkers who called in to our church during the Suffolk Trust Ride and Stride day. It was such an ideal day that recorders were able to enjoy the tranquillity outdoors. Sincere thanks to all who decorated for harvest hymns sharing a scrumptious home-made loaf of bread afterwards. Thanks to the recorders and riders for all the churches. Your efforts were much appreciated.



Call to photographers!

Hoxne benefice is beginning the process which will lead to the appointment of a new priest next year. To present our parishes in an attractive way to any priests interested in the post, our benefice profile needs photographs of lively and meaningful services and events. So can we all start collecting good shots, please? Have a camera/smartphone to hand and pass your photos to your parish representative on the working group compiling the draft profile.

Saturday 2 November

Ministries Fair at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. 12.30 to 2.30pm: explore stalls with information about a wide range of organisations/ministries; 2.30pm: keynote speaker; 3.30pm: Evensong. If you are interested in attending to find out more about ways to serve God and the church, please contact Rev Eleanor on 07876 143579 or eleanor.goodison@gmail.com. Maybe we can get a group together and share transport?

Saturday 2 November – Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, 4pm.

Well established in the benefice calendar and a key part of helping us adjust to loss, our Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving will be in Hoxne Church. 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

Make, Do & Friends Suffolk Artlink's new programme for older people in rural areas brings creative workshops / events to the villages of Mid-Suffolk, providing you with an opportunity to share and learn new skills whilst enjoying a cuppa with friends and neighbours. At Wingfield and Syleham Village Hall, Hoxne Road, IP21 4LT. Car park and accessible toilet.
Weds 9 Oct 10am –12.30pm Photography
Weds 23 Oct 10am –12.30pm Mosaic
Weds 6th Nov 10am –12.30pm Ukulele beginners. Workshops run by professional artists, with materials / refreshments all absolutely FREE. For more info or to book your place, please contact Carrie Phoenix, 01986 873955 or carrie@suffolkartlink.org.uk www.suffolkartlink.org.uk



Advance notices

Sat 2 November Redlingfield Quiz at The Old School, Horham, 7 for 7.30pm start. Teams of 4, £6 per head - including light supper refreshments. Bar and raffle available. Contact Chris Stanford to book a team on 01728 628474.

Weds 20 November St Edmunds Day service, 7.30pm with Bishop Mike presiding, by which time the north aisle will have the St Edmund screen erected and the steps of the Maynard Memorial will be in good order.

Sat 23 November A concert at St Peter & St Paul Hoxne, with readings and music in honour of St Edmund with a professional choir and Radio 4's Zeb Soanes doing the readings.

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