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# Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham Hoxne  
Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield



## October 2020 newsletter

From our newly ordained priest.....

2020 wasn't very old when it became apparent that it wouldn't be a normal year for ordination to the priesthood. Some training had to be postponed, other training happened via Zoom, and before long there was a question mark hanging over the normal date in June for ordinations.

Bishop Martin is keen on emphasising the priesthood of all believers, the sense that ordained priests are identified from within that larger group, and are supported by that larger group. Holding ordinations in public in the great space that is the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds is a way of conveying that message. But Covid-19 restrictions meant that the number of people in the cathedral for the rescheduled ordinations had to be limited to 30 in total.

Thankfully, different restrictions applied to the service on 13th September when I presided at Communion for the first time. A larger congregation was permitted, and it was great to see so many present. Rev'd Richard, who was preaching, repeated the vows for the priesthood of believers who had not been able to attend the cathedral.

It was a particular delight to be able to hear singing in church once more, for the first time since March. We were blessed too by the weather which meant that post-service refreshments could be enjoyed on the sunny terrace of the De La Pole Arms.

I am extremely grateful for the tangible support that I have received from so many different people, not least the generous gift from the benefice of a silver scallop shell to use for baptisms. I will treasure it and be reminded of my ordination every time I use it. I am also most grateful for the generous contribution that my home parish of Wingfield made towards my book fund.

God bless,

**Rev'd John McCracken**

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

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## Services for October

Services marked with an asterisk\* will be recorded and uploaded to facebook shortly after they take place via [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

**Sunday 4th October** 17th after Trinity  
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)  
9.30am Harvest Service at Hoxne (JM)  
9.30am Harvest Service at Redlingfield (RC)  
11am Holy Communion at Wingfield\* with Bishop Mike - licensing of Rev'd Eleanor as interim Priest-in-Charge  
4pm Messy Church via [facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://facebook.com/HoxneMC)

**Sunday 11th October** 18th after Trinity  
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)  
9.30am Café Church on Zoom  
11.15am Harvest Service with BCP Communion at Horham\* (EG)

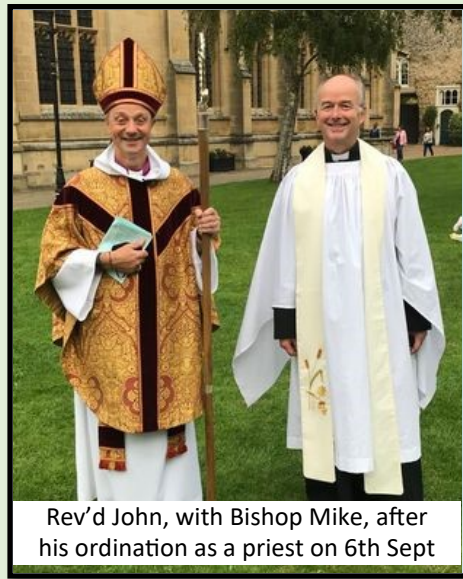
**Sunday 18th October** Luke the Evangelist  
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)  
9.30am Holy Communion at Hoxne\* (EG)  
10am Harvest Service at Syleham (ML)  
6pm BCP Eve Prayer at Wingfield (EG)

**Sunday 25th October** Bible Sunday  
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)  
9.30am BCP Matins at Hoxne Church (JS)  
9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Syleham (JM)  
11am Holy Communion at Denham\* (EG)

**Saturday 31st October**  
4pm Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving at Hoxne (EG)

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EG - Rev'd Eleanor JM - Rev'd John  
RC - Rev'd Richard ML - Mary Lewis  
JS - John Swann



Rev'd John, with Bishop Mike, after his ordination as a priest on 6th Sept

**The Right Rev'd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich**, advises that as there have been no expressions of interest for the post of Priest in Charge and following discussion and the agreement of representatives from all the parishes, he is delighted to announce the appointment of The Rev'd Eleanor Goodison as SSM interim Priest in Charge in the Hoxne benefice. Eleanor has agreed to do this for an initial period of two years. Bishop Martin and Archdeacon Jeanette are very grateful to Eleanor for the support so far in the vacancy and for stepping into this new role. This opens up new opportunities for mission and outreach and together you can look forward to the future with excitement at what God is going to do. The Bishop would like to thank the parish representatives and all those involved in the process, and he assures you of his prayers. Please pray for Eleanor as she prepares for her move into this new role.

## Wednesday 21st Oct

A special deanery synod Zoom meeting, on the proposal to merge Hoxne and Hartismere deaneries. PCCs have been asked to discuss this so that their representatives are informed of their views, and also to feed back questions or observations about focal ministry as discussed with Bishop Mike. Deanery synod representatives will be reminded of Zoom meeting details nearer the time.

**Rev'd Eleanor will be licensed by Bishop Mike** at the Communion service at 11am on **Sunday 4th October** in Wingfield church. We hope to accommodate everyone who wants to attend, but it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are intending to come so that we can plan the use of the space. With current restrictions, due to Covid-19, sadly it will not be possible to have a social celebration afterwards.

**Rev'd Eleanor 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 on Friday.

**Mothers' Union shop at i-Chameleon, Halesworth** The Mothers' Union is once again running a pop-up shop in the first week in October. The Hoxne branch will be in charge on Monday 5th. Do call in if you are in the area.

**The Rural Coffee Caravan is back** and will be visiting Redlingfield on Wednesday 7th and Wingfield on Tuesday 20th. Come along for socially distanced coffee and chat. Remember to wrap up warm, if necessary.

## Harvest Thanksgivings

taking place during October as follows:  
**Hoxne:** Sunday 4th Oct ,9.30am  
**Horham:** Sunday 11th Oct, 11.15am  
**Redlingfield:** Sunday 4th Oct, 9.30am  
**Syleham:** Sunday 18th Oct, 10am

### Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages: [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or [facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).

Follow Rev'd Eleanor on Twitter: @ReverendEleanor (you do not need your own Twitter account to read her tweets, just search for @ReverendEleanor).

### The Hoxne Benefice News

will be posted on church notice boards and left in churches. Email Virginia on [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com) to receive it by email.

### Church open for private prayer

Most of our churches are open once a week for private prayer:

Horham	Sunday	9am - 5pm
Redlingfield	Tuesday	10am - 4pm
Denham	Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Hoxne	Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Syleham	Thursday	2pm - 4pm
Wingfield	Thursday	2.30pm - 5pm

Athelington Church is open on request.

### Prayer

Our prayer breakfasts continue at 8am on Monday mornings on Zoom . We now also hold a Compline at 6pm on Friday evenings, also on Zoom. Do let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like to join us or have a service sheet to read through.