

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

* Athelington * Denham * Horham
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September 2016

SEPT 2016	4 Sept Trinity 14	11 Sept Trinity 15	18 Sept Trinity 16	25 Sept Trinity 17
	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Philemon 1:1-1:21 Luke 14:25-33	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Comm	
Denham				11.15am * Family Service
Horham		9.30am BCP Holy Comm*		11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am ~ Holy Comm	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Comm *	10am Family Service
Redl'field	9.30am ~ Holy Comm			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for # the benefice		10am Harvest Festival *	9.30am BCP Holy Comm *
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Baptism and Family Communion*	10am Family Service	6.30pm Harvest Festival *

September and the harvest festivals begin; it also marks the 3rd anniversary of our arrival here, which means that as the modern lectionary (the list of Bible readings for a service) is on a 3 year cycle, the chances are that you *have* heard the reading before! But things are better than they were as the Book of Common Prayer lectionary is only a year long.

The way the cycle of Bible readings and festivals comes around with such regularity led Ronald Blythe to coin the phrase, 'the circling year' and in his book of the same name he gives a collection of sermons to cover the whole year.

How we feel about the circling year gives an insight into our personality and how we feel about God. For some, the circling year is a cage and a trap, there are those who don't like the autumn (something else that starts in September) and they dread the prospect of damp, dark evenings. Equally there are those who breeze through the autumn but dislike the spring because they are acutely aware that the beauty of blossom and buds will not last; they say that it's all nothing but smoke.

For some the circling year is a cage in which God keeps us trapped. Others though, have a more optimistic view, for them the circling year is the nest that keeps us safe, enfolds us; for them God does not build a trap but rather provides cupped hands in which to nurture us. As we embark on another year together, I hope it is a year in which we find ourselves supported and loved, rather than caged and stifled.

Reverend Michael

Rev Michael's days off in September....Thurs 1- Thurs 8, Thurs 15, Fri 16, Thurs 22, Thurs 29.
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Churchwardens

Athelington: St Peter. Evelyn Adey 01728 628428

Denham: St John the Baptist. Michael Reeves 01379 668179

Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul. Brian Chester 01379 669157, Guy McGregor 01379 668434

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. John McCracken 01379 384181

Midweek Communion, Tues 13 September, 7.30pm, Denham church *

* with Rev Michael

^ with Canon Andrew

~ with Reverend Richard

with Canon Sally

Prayer breakfasts to start the week

Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We are always finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for where we will be as we rotate between homes.

St Andrew's Wingfield, Harvest Supper

Saturday 24 September, in the church. 3 courses, £12 per head. Booking essential!! Contact Sharon Alldis on 01379 384854.

Radio Suffolk Harvest Service

Advance warning to set your alarm

clocks! - a date for your diary; on Sunday 9 October, Radio Suffolk's Jon Wright's Sunday morning show will be coming from Athelington Hall (Peter Havers' farm next to the church). It is an inter-denominational harvest celebration service (or ecumenical if you prefer) with Horham Baptist, The Forge and us. The Forge are providing a band but we'll need some good singers in the congregation. You knew there was a catch though. The service starts at 8am but the show starts at 6am so if you arrive early you might get interviewed..... and there's a hog roast afterwards at 9am!!!

Wingfield Barns 01379 384505

Summer Exhibitions. To Sun 12 Sept, 11am - 4pm, Weds to Sunday.

Sat 10 and Sun 11 Sept, MT Productions: Shakespeare from the Sea (12+) £14 Book: www.mtproductions.co.uk. From 6pm both days. Weather permitting, performances outdoors. Audiences can picnic on the lawns and it is suggested that you bring a picnic blanket, cushions or light chairs.

26 Sept to 3 Oct, Cyril Winfield Exhibition Gallery 1 and 2.

This newsletter is found in all churches, but you can get it early by email. Please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com.

Food for thought...

Our monthly lunchtime series on the parable of the prodigal son continues. Don't worry if you missed August's introduction - each month can stand on its own. This month we will be thinking about the younger son in the parable, Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's writings. We're at Syleham Village Hall from 12 noon on Wednesday 28 September. All welcome and booking not required but it is helpful to know if you're thinking of coming to get the catering about right. No charge but donations welcome and any 'surplus' will be used for benefice funds.

Future dates:

Weds 26 October: The older son.

Weds 23 November: The father.

Syleham Benefice Messy Church held a fun family BBQ at St Andrew's House on 20 August but will still meet at the usual time of 4pm on Sunday 4 Sept with a theme of food and harvest.

Harvest Supper - Saturday evening 24 September at the Village Hall in Syleham. 7pm for 7.30pm. Do come and share in this further celebration of the ingathering of harvest, so vital to our rural area. Cost £10 per person inc. hot supper and dessert and first glass of wine; it would be really helpful to know if you plan to come.

'Earl Bigod's Haul' entry forms for this easy competition have been distributed to all parishes in the benefice just in case anyone fancies trying for £100!

Completed forms can be left with your churchwarden and I will arrange to collect them just after the closing date of 18 Sept. For any of the above, contact churchwarden Mary Lewis on 669258, mary.lewis43@icloud.com.

And even more coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter and now, internet access and tuition!!

* **The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be in **Redlingfield** on Weds 7 and in **Wingfield** (Castle Green) on Tues 20 Sept, both 10am to 12 noon. It is a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake. Just come along and see for yourself. Donations welcome.

Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, in the church 10am to 12 noon, Saturday 24 August.

And **Friends' Quiz Night** on 1 October in St Edmund's Hall. Bar open 7pm for 7.30pm start. For more details, contact John Brawn on 668352.

Hoxne, 18 Sept, no 11.15am service as it is the village harvest breakfast.

Redlingfield Pub on the Green, Sat 10 September, 6pm till midnight.

Horham

A Village Yard Sale is being organised in Horham on Saturday 24 Sept, 10am to 2pm. Anyone who would like to take part and have their own yard sale, please call Daphne Harvey on 01379 384216. The more the merrier!

Also, Horham's harvest service at 11.15am on Sunday 2 October, is followed by a harvest lunch organised by the Community Council. To book your ticket (£7), please contact Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625.

Harvest services

18 Sept, Harvest Festival, Syleham, 10am
25 Sept, Harvest Fest, Wingfield, 6.30pm
2 Oct, Harvest Service, Horham, 11.15am

The Suffolk Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride - Saturday 10 September.

Hopefully some of you will have been in training over the summer. All our churches need your help and for some, the bike ride raises a substantial proportion of the monies raised for the church so please get involved. We still need riders/walkers, recorders and of course sponsors. It is an excellent chance to have fun, get fit and raise money for **your** local church. If you are not able to cycle or walk, then could you be one of the recorders? This involves sitting peacefully in the church or its grounds, welcoming in riders and filling in a couple of bits of paper. Most churches have a rota of people. Please ask for a sponsor form and a list of the participating churches in Suffolk and Norfolk from your local organiser.

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Redlingfield - Joan Abbott, 01379 678736,

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As well as raising money for your local church, 50% goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust which has already helped to keep several of our local churches open; so in many ways this is a really worthwhile venture. Be part of it and join in the fun!

Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch will meet on Monday, 19 August, 2.15pm at Time House, Low St, Hoxne.