

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

* Athelington * Denham * Horham
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September 2017

Sept 2017	3 Sept Trinity 12	10 Sept Trinity 13	17 Sept Trinity 14	24 Sept Trinity 15
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion +	
Denham				11.15am Harvest Festival +
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion*		11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion *	11.15am Harvest Festival*	8.30am BCP Communion +	10am Family Service
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion *	6.30pm Harvest Festival*		10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church*		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion +
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion #		6.30pm BCP Choral Harvest Evensong ~

Mid-week Communion at Denham church with Rev Eleanor Goodison+ on Tuesday 12th September, 7.30pm

- * with Rev Michael
- + with Rev Eleanor
- # with Reverend John Peart
- ~ with Rev Eleanor, Canon Graham Owen and the St Michael Framlingham choir

This month is the 4th anniversary of my arrival in the benefice and I've been thinking about my first few sermons. In a nutshell, I said it would be best if I said 'sorry' as my opening word because I'm going to upset everybody; some will think I change things too quickly, some too slowly and the handful who think I'm changing things at the right pace will be disappointed about the things that change. I think I was right!

Recovering from my nervous breakdown, I spent a lot of time reflecting on the very nature of ministry. It seems to me there are three approaches. The managers are very good at getting things done. The really rare ones are the mentors who are able to explain what is being done and help others to do it. And finally there are the modellers; they depend on people seeing what's happening, working it out and taking things on for themselves.

Which is best? As with most things in life, it depends what the circumstances are as to which is best. And circumstances, like life is always changing. For my part, it was very heartening when someone stood up in a church service in August and said sorry.

Sorry is a very important word in the Christian faith. As St John wrote, 'If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.' May God's word of life dwell ever more deeply in us in the coming years.

Rev Michael

Rev Michael's days off in September: Thurs 7, and then Tues 12 to Mon 25 Sept. In case of emergencies during my holiday, please call Rev Susan Loxton on 01379 388493, revloxtton@gmail.com

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Wingfield Harvest Supper

Saturday 9 September at Wingfield Barns. Three courses and 1st drink included in the price. Suggested donation of £15. Further drinks available to purchase. Please contact Sharon Alldis on 01379 384854 to book a place so we can cater for correct numbers!

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.

Our next Evensong service will be Sunday 24 September, 6.30pm, at St Andrew's Wingfield with Rev Eleanor, Canon Graham Owen and the St Michael Framlingham choir.

Saturday 28 October - Commemoration of the Departed service

Now in its 4th year and a key part of helping us adjust to loss, our Commemoration of the Departed service will be in Hoxne Church at 4pm on Saturday 28 October. This is a service where we can remember with thanksgiving loved ones who have died. Central to this reflective service is the reading out 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; and remember grief has no boundaries so it doesn't matter how long ago they left this life or where. If they matter to you, they matter to us and most importantly to God.

Grief affects us in different ways; there are no easy or quick answers to the pain of losing people we love, but sometimes being with others who have also experienced the loss of a loved one and remembering together can help us feel less alone.

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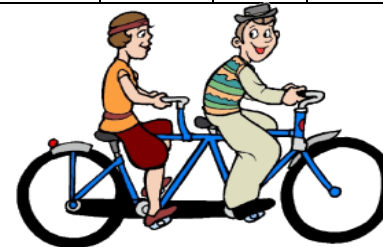
Coffee in the Old School Hall in Horham every Wednesday morning from 10.30am with coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter, internet access and tuition.

The Rural Coffee Caravan organisation * in Redlingfield on Weds 6 September * in Wingfield on Tues 19 September, both 10am to 12 noon. And they have replaced the stolen caravan! A great source of information and a chance for a chat over a drink and cake. Come along and see for yourself. Donations welcome.

Ride and Stride, the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride, Sat 9 Sept. If you have not yet signed up to be involved in this fun and very worthwhile venture, then please do get in touch with your local organiser and they can give the necessary details, whether you wish to ride/walk/record or sponsor and remember the dog walkers amongst you could incorporate a church or two in your daily exercise perhaps!

Local organisers:

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Hoxne Benefice Mothers' Union Mon 18 September. New members welcome. Contact Cathie McGregor on 668434.

Friends of St Peter & St Paul Hoxne The next Friends' coffee morning will be Saturday 16 September, 9.45 – 11.15am in church.

Also the **Harvest Lunch** on Sunday 22 October. Tickets are restricted to 60 so please get yours as soon as possible. £10 for adults and £6 for children over 5. This covers a 2 course lunch and a drink with the lunch. For tickets please contact John Brawn on 01379 668352.

New members of The Friends of the Church are always welcome. If you would like to help raise money to preserve the fabric of the church, please contact Maureen Johnson on 01379 668478. Membership is only £12.50 for the year.

Messy Church for the benefice, 4pm, Sun 3 September 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 14 October (probably 7 for 7.15pm or similar). More news next time.

Canon Brian Chester will be made a Canon Emeritus during a service at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 24 September, 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to support him.

The Lammas Service was held at Hoxne on 2 August, attracting more people than ever before, held in support of the Addington Fund, helping farming families in times of distress. Thank you to Peter Havers for supplying the hog roast. Total raised to be announced next month as it is still coming in.