

# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

Athelington \* Denham \* Horham

\* Hoxne \* Redlingfield \* Syleham \* Wingfield

## September 2018

Sept 2018	2 Sept Trinity 14	9 Sept Trinity 15	16 Sept Trinity 16	23 Sept Trinity 17	30 Sept Trinity 18
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion *		11.15am Benefice Holy Communion And Harvest Celebration St Mary Horham +
Denham				11.15am Family Service *	
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion ^		11.15am Village Service	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion +	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Communion *		
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion +			3pm Harvest Festival +	
Syleham	4pm Messy Church ~		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion *	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion ^		6.30pm Harvest Festival #	

Tues 11 September at St John's Denham, 7.30pm, a simple Communion service \*

\* with Rev Michael    + with Rev Eleanor    ^ with Rev Richard  
 ~ with Rev Michael and Rev Eleanor    # with Canon Sally and Rev Eleanor

September is the month of new beginnings; from school years to leases on land being dated for Michaelmas, it is the month of change. Even in the sedate world of the Church of England, there is change that effects the life of our benefice.

For those who see the glass half-empty, we lose a church warden and a lay elder. But, for those of the half-full disposition, we gain an ordinand! To put it in plain language, John McCracken starts his training for ministry with a view to being ordained deacon in June and priested the year after. Because he is on such an intensive training course, he has had to step down as Wingfield's church warden. Also, while he will be around in the benefice as part of his training, we cannot assume that he will be available as a lay-elder.

As time passes, John's training will become more practical - taking services etc. but for the first part of the course, certainly up until Christmas, he will be trained by the bishops. Although my inclination is towards the half-empty glass, I actually think this is very much a half-full glass, maybe even fuller. At the end of his training the benefice will have another priest - younger than me, someone we all know and who understands rural ministry.

There will be changes to accommodate John's training. There are also changes because of our contact with families growing through Messy Church, and at the other end of the spectrum, there is the chance to launch some services in the Depperhaugh nursing home. September is indeed the month of new beginnings, at the start of an autumn of change!

**Rev Michael**

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Rest days and days out of the benefice in September,  
 Thurs 6 to Mon 10, Thurs 13, Thurs 20, Tues 25 Sept to Mon 1 Oct.

### Church contacts

**Athelington: St Peter.**

**Denham: St John the Baptist.**

**Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.**

**Horham: St Mary.**

**Redlingfield: St Andrew.**

**Syleham: St Margaret.**

**Wingfield: St Andrew.**

Rev Michael

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Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046

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Hazel Abbott 01379 678217

Mary Lewis 01379 669258

Rev Michael

## September

### Sunday 2

#### **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.

### Monday 3

**Home Group** We are hoping to launch a fortnightly home group in October. The idea is to help us grow in friendship, bible understanding and prayer. To help us gauge what format and timing would best suit, please would all those interested come along to a meeting at the Rectory (St Andrew's House, Wingfield) at 9.30am. If you can't make that, then contact either Barbara Irwin [cobowner@gmail.com](mailto:cobowner@gmail.com) or Mary Lewis. [mary.lewis43@icloud.com](mailto:mary.lewis43@icloud.com), 01379 669258.

### Wednesday 5

**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 5, 12, 19, 26

**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.

### Wednesday 5

**Melanie Mehta** – soprano and Peter Demetriadi – organ and harpsichord in concert in Wingfield church, 7pm. a programme of Handel, Mozart, Purcell and Boyce amongst others. Admission free but donations welcome for the wine and refreshments afterwards.

### Saturday 8

#### **Ride+Stride, The Historic Churches Trust**

**Sponsored bike ride** - Take part riding, walking or recording in your local church.

Local organisers:

**Athelington**, Evelyn Adey, 01728 628428

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**Denham**, Sue Roberts, 07713 157351 [scr@netcom.co.uk](mailto:scr@netcom.co.uk)

**Horham**, Daphne Harvey, 01379 384216

**Hoxne**, Anne Swann, 01379 669322,

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**Redlingfield**, Joan Abbott, 01379 678736

**Syleham**, Mary Lewis, 01379 669258

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**Wingfield**, John McCracken, 01379 384181

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### Monday 17

#### **Hoxne benefice Mothers' Union**

Sept meeting at Time House, Hoxne, 2.30pm. Contact Cathie McGregor 01379 668434.

### Tuesday 18

**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 22

**Wingfield Harvest Supper** to be held at Wingfield Barns. 3 courses will be £15 including your first drink. Booking essential. Please contact Sharon Alldis on 01379 384854 or [sharonalldis@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonalldis@hotmail.com).

### Sunday 30

Following the benefice service at Horham, there is a **Harvest Lunch** at 12.30pm (organised by the Community Council) in the Community Centre. Tickets £7 (must be booked by 26 Sept). Please contact Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625.

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### Home Communion

If you know anyone who would like to receive home communion - please let us know and we will arrange a visit.

**The Lammas Service** in August raised over £2000 for the Addington Fund, helping farming families in distress. Thank you to everyone who came and donated. Much appreciated.

### Hoxne's small '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

is a neat all age style of worship, written by a rural Suffolk priest for rural churches that want to offer attractive worship for all the family. It follows a 3 year lectionary and is modelled upon the usual Anglican structure, including activities, songs and prayers, all laid out. We will be launching it in this benefice in December. Firstly though we need to build a team to lead it. The material is all there but what is lacking is the human touch; this style of worship places a great emphasis on welcome and the 'humanity' of the church; could you be the human face of the church? Don't worry about the detail as I'm arranging for the team that developed the service to come and lead training, but if you are interested in being part of this new, monthly project, please let me know. Many thanks, Rev Michael.

**Thank you** to all who attended Mary Lewis' afternoon tea for Breast Cancer Research. An amazing £440 was raised.

### Advance notices

**Saturday 6 October** 7pm, Horham Old School Hall. We are off to Cape Town, no passport required and everyone goes Club class as we have a fundraising evening of South African food and drink to raise money for a children's arts project in Cape Town. [pipionides@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pipionides@yahoo.co.uk)

**Saturday 13 October** Syleham Harvest Supper, 7 for 7.15pm at Syleham village hall with a hot supper and delicious puddings. Tickets £15. Please contact Mary Lewis on 01379 669258 or [mary.lewis43@icloud.com](mailto:mary.lewis43@icloud.com). Proceeds to Syleham church.

**Saturday 27 October** Beetle Drive for families, organised jointly by Wingfield & Syleham.

**Saturday 1 December** Hoxne Christmas Fayre, 2pm at St Edmunds hall. Proceeds to Hoxne church.



**Can EWE guess what will be back at 2.30pm on Christmas Eve? Offers of help to Rev Michael or Barbara Irwin. Thanks, Rev Michael.**

**Let's raise funds for Churches of the Hoxne Benefice with easyfundraising! Please register to support us - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice> £236 raised to date!**