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## Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham Hoxne  
Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield



## September 2020 newsletter

### Wheat and tares together sown

September is traditionally the time for Harvest Festivals. We will indeed be celebrating Harvest in each of our churches over the next two months, even if our festivals have to be a bit different from usual (details elsewhere in this newsletter). Now is a time perhaps to reflect on the metaphorical harvest of wheat and tares we are seeing from the last year.

The tares are all too flourishing around us: sickness and death from Covid-19 and other causes; loneliness or domestic abuse as a result of lockdown; children's and young people's education interrupted; jobs and businesses under threat or already lost. Across the world we see tyrannical government, breakdown in international co-operation, environmental disaster, war and poverty, a plague of locusts in Africa, desperate refugees fleeing these situations.

But the wheat has also been growing and ripening. God is at work in the most difficult situations. We have become increasingly aware of the injustice in our society, as we have recognised that the poor and BAME groups have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic – and awareness is a necessary beginning to putting things right. We have appreciated the essential services we tend to take for granted. We have remembered our neighbours who are isolated or frail. We have had a chance to stop and enjoy the glories of nature around us. We have had more time to pray and to remember God.

As we go forward the challenges of the tares will still be with us. Can we tend the wheat and help it to grow more strongly? Will we learn the lessons of the last year and put them into practice in a new future? There are some other words in that harvest hymn worth focusing on: 'We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.'  
Stay safe. **Rev'd Eleanor Goodison**

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

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## Services for September

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

### Sunday 6th Sept 13th after Trinity

- 8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
- 9.30am CW Holy Communion at Hoxne Church\* with Rev'd Richard
- 3pm Ordination service at the Cathedral on [facebook.com/stedscathedral](https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral)
- 4pm Messy Church via [facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC)

### Sunday 13th Sept 14th after Trinity

- 8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
- 11am Benefice Communion at Wingfield Church\*  
Rev'd John's first Communion service (no Café Church in Sept)

### Sunday 20th Sept 15th after Trinity

- 8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
- 9.30am Harvest Service at Athelington Church with Rev'd Eleanor – attendance at church by invitation only, but you can join via Zoom and we hope service will also be live streamed on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
- 9.30am CW Holy Communion at Hoxne Church\* with Rev'd John
- 4pm Harvest Service at Denham Church with Rev'd Eleanor

### Sunday 27th Sept 16th after Trinity

- 8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
- 9.30am BCP Matins at Hoxne Church with John Swann
- 11am CW Holy Communion at Syleham Church\* with Rev'd Eleanor
- 6.30pm Harvest Service at Wingfield Church with Rev'd John

## Ride and Stride 2020

The annual Ride and Stride event in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches is still going ahead on **Saturday 12th September** from 9am to 5pm.

We need, please:

- \* people to ride their bicycles or walk on behalf of our churches
- \* sponsors for riders and striders
- \* people to staff our churches and welcome riders and striders. In some cases, especially where churches are due to be open on Sunday 13th, our welcome pitches may be outside the church or in the porch

Please contact your local organiser if you can help in any way. Thank you!



## Wednesday 2nd September

A special deanery synod meeting on Zoom, 7pm, with Bishop Mike to discuss local/focal ministers. This meeting is open to all and you do not have to be a deanery synod member to attend. Please let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like the details to join this meeting.

## Rev'd John's priesting

### Sunday 6th September

Rev'd John will be priested at an ordination service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 3pm. Sadly, only a very limited number of guests will be allowed to attend in person but the service will be live streamed on facebook at [www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/posts](https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/posts).

John's first Communion service will be a benefice service at Wingfield Church at 11.00am on Sunday 13th September. Everyone is welcome to join us. We hope to arrange a safely modest celebration afterwards. Please pray for Rev'd John as he prepares for his priesting.

## Wednesday 9th September

A meeting with Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney, 7pm, on Zoom, to which all PCC members are invited, to discuss the next steps for the Hoxne benefice. If you don't have a computer, please ask a fellow PCC member if you could take part at theirs, socially distancing, of course!

## Church open for private prayer

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

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

Athelington Church is open on request.

## Prayer

Our prayer breakfasts continue at 8am on Monday mornings on Zoom – do let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like to join us or please let us know if you have any particular prayer requests.

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Our annual meetings normally take place in the spring, but some had to be cancelled this year as the lockdown came into force.

They are now planned to take place as follows, in September, all in the church.

**Hoxne** 7pm on Wednesday 16th

**Horham** Evening of Thursday 17th

**Redlingfield** 6.30pm on Tuesday 22nd

**Wingfield** Thursday 24th (or Thurs 1st October) to be confirmed.

The annual meeting is your chance to hear about matters affecting your church and to vote for churchwardens and (if you are on the electoral roll) for PCC members. Do come along.

## Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages: [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or [facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.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 but you can also receive it by email. If you are not already on the benefice email list, and you would like to be, contact our administrator, Virginia Skoyles, on [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com) and she will add your name.