

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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April 2014

At the end of April, Easter finally arrives! Easter is one of those times of the year when a lot of people come to church, but the truth is that the church is part of the community the whole year round. It is a blessing to me how busy our churches and churchyards are and I often meet people when I pop in for something during the week; a reminder that the church is here for the community in which it is placed and all our buildings are so important. Sadly though this is not always appreciated. Recent arson attacks in nearby Framlingham have reminded me that we need to be welcoming but watchful.

With that in mind, it seems timely to repeat some advice that you may have already seen from Suffolk police.....If you witness any suspicious 'workmen' at churches with vans, ladders or scaffolding, etc or see any unusual people that look out of place then firstly try to make contact with the church warden or rector to verify if these people are genuine. If you cannot, then call Suffolk Police immediately on 999 so that the credentials of the workmen can be checked. Suffolk Police would much prefer to respond to a false alarm than miss the opportunity to apprehend criminals in the act. Any activity witnessed during the hours of darkness should always be treated as suspicious and a 999 phone call should be made straight away.

Revd Michael's planned rest days and days away from the benefice in April.

Sat 5th, Mon 7th, Weds 23rd, Thurs 24th, Fri 25th, Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Weds 30th.

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Churchwardens

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Horham: St Mary. David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216

Redlingfield: St Andrew. Hazel Abbot 01379 678217

Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258, John Leader 01379 668205

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181, Michael Harvey 01379 586355

Wingfield Barns

Saturday 5th April, Kit Holmes' virtuoso guitar playing has wowed audiences across the UK. Her 3 albums have featured the legendary Danny Thompson and incorporate her 'blues driven roots with a soul sensibility'. £10 in advance, £12.50 on the door.

Thursday 17th April sees BAFTA nominee **Richard Digance** return, a major TV star in his own right and heralded by musicians/comedians alike as one of the most influential comedy song writers, performers and musicians ever. Gold Award from The British Academy of Composers/Songwriters. £15 in advance, £17.50 on the door.

Friday 16th May. Open Space Theatre Company present Alan Ayckbourn's *Woman in Mind*. Tickets £9.50. Concessions £8.50. Tel: 01379 384505.

Wingfield College - Invitation to View. Book at invitationtoview.co.uk for Sats 17th May, 21st June, 18th July, 12th Sept.

De La Pole Arms, Wingfield
Pub Quiz, **Thursday 3rd April** Supper from 7pm, quiz from 8.30pm. £5 inc food. Additional Quiz: Saturday 19th April: Music Quiz, 8pm.

Fundraising Quiz for Home Start, (support and friendship for young families) in March in Hoxne raised over £600. Thank you to everyone who came.

The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter is found in all 7 churches, but you can get it early by receiving it by email. To be on the email list, (bcc to hide addresses), please send your email address to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com Deadline for May HBN is 22nd April.

Services for Holy Week

There is a service in one of our churches every evening of Holy Week all starting at 7.30pm. Many are gentle and meditative but also possibly not familiar to you, so here is a little description of each one...

Monday 14th April, Praying the Easter Story at Syleham. Listen to one of the Easter accounts in the Bible and imagine yourself in it. Who would you be, what would happen?

Tuesday 15th April, Lectio Divina at Athelington. Don't be put off by the Latin! A very old practice of listening slowly to a reading from the Bible paying particularly attention to a word that 'speaks' to us.

Wednesday 16th April, Taize at Denham – Although it feels long established, the Taize community in France was only established in 1949. A service of simple chants and songs, readings and silence.

Maundy Thursday, 17th April. As last year, we gather as a benefice for Maundy Thursday at Redlingfield at 7.30pm. Please bring a **very** small, simple snack to share at the beginning and then we will celebrate communion, including the unique and poignant line, 'on the night that he was betrayed, that is this night'.

Good Friday, 18th April. At Hoxne (9.30am) and Wingfield (noon) there are services of reading and meditation and from 7.30pm the Passion Narratives will be read in Horham.

Easter Eve, 20th April. 7.30pm, Denham church, we celebrate Easter with a service of light/renewal of baptism vows.

Easter Day, 21st April
Services at Wingfield, Athelington, Hoxne and Syleham through the day and lots of Allelujahs!

Redlingfield

The Coffee Caravan returns on Weds 2nd April, from 10am until noon, with coffee, biscuits and much more. Any queries or if you need a lift, contact Jacqueline on 01379 678805.

Saturday 5th April - Redlingfield Quiz Night, Horham Old School & Social Club. Quiz night in aid of St Andrew's Church. Raffle, refreshments and bar. Tickets £5 per person from Chris Stanford (01728 628474). Teams of up to four. 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Village Supper on Saturday 12th April at Horham & Athelington Community Centre, from 8pm (till late). Tickets £10 adults & £5 for under 18s, available via the village committee (our link is Jacqueline Love 01379-678805) or Joyce Saunders.

News from Wingfield

The very successful Coffee Caravan is coming to Wingfield this summer too! It will be on the green at Castle Crescent from 10 till noon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, so the first visit will be **15th April**. Coffee, good company and information all freely available. All welcome to stop by.

Confirmation Classes

Would you like to be a confirmed member of the Church of England? There will be a Deanery Confirmation service on **Sunday 18th May**. For many people having a bishop lay hands on them at their confirmation was a very significant step in their Christian faith. If you think that you might like to take that step, please contact me so that we can talk about what would be the best form of preparation for you, or even if it is the right step for you at all.

Compline for Lent

Compline is possibly the simplest of evening services in the church. It is a very gentle service that traditionally took place just before the silence of the night. As such, it provides a very gentle meditative environment, which is ideal for Lent; and you are welcome to come and join in on every Friday in Lent from 14th March, 6pm in Wingfield Church.

Our Lenten lunches

continue in April. The lunches start at 12.30pm, with a simple lunch provided by the host/ hostess, followed by a Bible verse from Matthew's gospel introducing each week's theme, then further reflections and discussion. The whole event will last no longer than 2 hours. It would be lovely if you can come to the whole series, but if not please come to any that you can. It would be helpful to know in advance if you are planning to come so that there can be an appropriate amount of food.
2nd April – Wingfield,
Michael & Sue Harvey (01379 586355)
The Transfiguration
9th April – Redlingfield,
David & Jacqueline Love (01379 678805)
Jesus foretells his death

Easter in the Depperhaugh. Saturday 19th April, Michael will be taking a very simple service at the Depperhaugh Nursing Home at 10.30am. If anyone is able to come and help sing some hymns, that would be a great help.

Urgent prayer request

Please remember Madeline Ellis from Redlingfield and her family in your prayers, as she is currently extremely ill in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Sunday 6th April 5th Lent	9.30am	Redlingfield	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Wingfield	CW Morning Prayer
	11.15am	Horham	'Mother's Day'
	11.15am	Hoxne	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Syleham	Mattins - BCP
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday	9.30am	Horham	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00am	Wingfield	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Hoxne	Mattins - BCP
Monday 14th	7.30pm	Syleham	Praying with the Easter Story
Tuesday 15th	7.30pm	Athelington	Lectio Divina
Wednesday 16th	7.30pm	Denham	Taize Service
Thursday 17th	7.30pm	Redlingfield	Seder Meal & Simple Communion
Good Friday	9.30am	Hoxne	Readings and Meditation
	12.00pm	Wingfield	Meditation
	7.30pm	Horham	The Passion Gospels
Saturday 19th	7.30pm	Denham	Service of Light and Renewal of Baptism Vows
Easter Day	8.30am	Wingfield	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Athelington	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Wingfield	Family Service
	11.15am	Hoxne	Family Service with HC after
	4.00pm	Syleham	Songs of Praise
Sunday 27th 2nd Easter	9.30am	Syleham	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Redlingfield	CW Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Hoxne	Family Service
	11.15am	Denham	Family Service
	11.15am	Horham	Family Service
	6.30pm	Wingfield	Evensong BCP