

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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'Not in my lifetime'- well, I got that one wrong! My bleak view of the prospects for women bishops has been swept away and we can now start to think realistically of such a possibility. I can explain the practicalities to you if you want but it is still very unlikely that our next diocesan bishop will be a woman; more likely candidates are Oxford or (my personal guess) Gloucester. Even if they don't come to pass, I think there is a good chance that the next Bishop of Dunwich will be female.

Archbishop Justin has attracted a lot of attention for bringing this change around (one which even the Roman Catholic magazine *The Tablet*, theologically opposed to women priests, admits was a logical conclusion to the ordination of women 20 years ago) but it occurs to me that there is more to it than that.

Firstly, there were the ten years that Archbishop Rowan spent working on the same problem. More recently I suspect that 'our own' Bishop Nigel has been very busy behind the scenes. It seems to me that there are a couple of lessons to be drawn. Part of the weave of Anglicanism is that it is a living tradition and this is reflected in how one Archbishop has been able to build on the work of a predecessor. Likewise we find that we are always being drawn into a new reality whilst rejoicing at the contribution of those who have gone before us. The second point is this; frequently we will be a Bishop Nigel, what we do will go largely unnoticed and certainly unremarked but nonetheless it is still a vital contribution to the ushering in of the Kingdom of God when the whole of creation will rejoice and worship.

Rev Michael's rest days and days away from the benefice in August: Tues 5th, Thurs 14th, Weds 20th, Thurs 21st, Fri 29th, Sat 30th.

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Sat 26th July - Sun 31st August

Gallery 2: International Mini Prints Exhibition. Open 11am - 4pm, Weds - Sun. Closed 9th, 24th, 30th August.

Gallery 1: Paintings and Prints with Rosemary Elliott, guest artist. Same dates and times as above.

Activity Days for Children, 12th, 13th, 19th August. 10am to 3pm. £10 per child.

Deanery Prayer Workshops

In the Autumn we are holding 3 workshops on different ways of praying. If you know a lot about prayer or nothing at all, these could be good for you. Come to one or all. 10- 12noon, Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield
Sat 27th Sept – Intercessions and prayers during a visit

Sat 11th Oct– Lecto Divina (praying with Scripture)

Sat 8th Nov- Praying like some of the saints. If you would like more information, please talk to Rev Michael.

Thank You!

The summer is well underway and with it the round of fêtes and jumble sales. Thank you to everyone who has already taken part in one of these; they are so important in keeping church and parish connected to each other. At a practical level, they are also big fund-raising events which make a massive contribution to our churches paying their way.

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 Sept HBN is 24th August.

Suffolk Historic Churches' Sponsored

Bike Ride takes place on Saturday 13th September. There is still time to take part. A proportion of your money raised goes to your church. Contacts are Evelyn Adey in Athelington, Susan Roberts in Denham, Daphne Harvey in Horham, Joan Abbott in Redlingfield, Mary Lewis in Syleham and probably John McCracken in Wingfield.

Benefice Eucharist, 31st August

August is a 5 Sunday month and our Benefice Eucharist will be at Wingfield at 11.15am on 31st. The preacher will be Rev Canon Martin Seeley, Rev Michael's former tutor and Principal of Westcott House, as well as being one of the theological advisors to Rev. Afterwards there will be a bring-your-own lunch (the barbecue will be lit if you want to use it) at St Andrew's House, Wingfield.

Evening Communion at Denham

As we continue to discern our pattern of worship across the Benefice, we are offering a midweek Communion once a month at Denham. The first of these will be on Tuesday 12th August at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in this reflective Communion service.

Horham - Sunday 17th August

Friday 15th August is the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary and as Horham church is dedicated to her, we will have a Festival Eucharist there on Sunday 17th August, 11.15am. Jolly hymns and a good chance of some nibbles! All welcome.

Growing in God Roadshows

– Bishop David would like to invite you to join in one of the Diocesan Growing in God Roadshows this Autumn. 'Discover and develop God's good future for our own parish or place.' More to come!

Coffee, Chat and Choose

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, (6th and 20th Aug), 7pm to 8.30pm, you will be most welcome to Reading Hall, Denham where a selection of Christian books will be available to borrow - both adult and children's. Coffee and cake will be served if you wish to stay, but please feel free to just pop in and out. Contact Barbara on 01379 870500.

News from Syleham

Thank you to those from outside our parish who came to our summer lunch on 28th June. Despite the imminent downpour, we ate in the sunshine, welcomed some new faces and made £520 for church funds.

Our annual church fête will be at Monks Hall (IP21 4LN) on Saturday 16th August 2pm – 4pm, with cream teas, pre-loved jewellery and traditional stalls and games for all ages. Dancing ladies once again performing! Proceeds to the tower repairs, which are due to start in September.

Services – we are always delighted to welcome visitors to any of our services but please note that the pattern will change in September with just two Sunday services per month in church (11.15am on the 3rd Sunday and 9.30am on the 4th). More detail soon. A short, reflective prayer service is normally held at 12 noon on Tuesdays. All welcome.

Messy Church – starting on 7th September in Syleham but for all parishes in the benefice. A new approach to church for all ages: fun and friendship with a Biblical theme, creative activities and games, celebration with story and song, and a scrumptious tea. At Syleham Village Hall, 4pm every first Sunday, lasting about an hour. All very welcome. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Revd Michael.

Rural Coffee Caravan Info Project in Redlingfield and Wingfield

The Caravan comes to Redlingfield on Weds 6th and to Wingfield on Tues 19th August, from 10am until noon, with coffee, tea, biscuits and information about local events, services and organisations. Donations welcome.

Also in Redlingfield - Pub on the Green, Saturday 9th August, Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

Hoxne Mothers' Union meet Monday 18th, 2pm at The Depperhaugh to sing hymns. Please come and lend your support if you are able.

Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, Saturday 23rd August, 10am – 11.30am, in the church.

Changes.....Evensong at Hoxne

August 17th, 6.30pm while on 21st September there will no second service as it's the **Hoxne Harvest Breakfast** on Low Street Green. The 8.30am BCP Holy Communion continues on both Sundays.

The Dean's Pilgrimage Walk will take place from Hoxne to Wingfield and back on Saturday 6th September. More details next time.

A County Commemoration of the outbreak of World War I will be held at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday 3rd August at 3.30pm, with the address given by Bishop Graeme Knowles, former Dean of St Paul's. All our churches will be open for private prayer and meditation on Monday 4th August.

100 Years / 100 Treasures - Brian Chester has additional supplies of this book. (01367 669157). Also, Angels and Pinnacles leaflet *Albert and the Angels*, an extremely useful guide when groups of children are visiting a church.

You will be warmly welcomed at all the services around the benefice
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3rd August	7th after Trinity	9.30am	Redlingfield	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Wingfield	Morning Prayer - CW
		11.15am	Horham	Family Service
		11.15am	Hoxne	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Syleham	Mattins - BCP
10th August	8th after Trinity	9.30am	Horham	BCP Holy Communion
		11.00am	Wingfield	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Hoxne	Mattins - BCP
17th August	9th after Trinity	8.30am	Hoxne	BCP Holy Communion
		9.30am	Athelington	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Syleham	Family Service
		10.00 am	Wingfield	Family Service
		11.15am	Horham	St Mary Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Hoxne	Evensong
24th August	10th after Trinity	9.30am	Syleham	BCP Holy Communion
		9.30am	Redlingfield	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Hoxne	Family Service
		11.15am	Denham	Family Service
		11.15am	Horham	Family Service
		6.30pm	Wingfield	Evensong - BCP
31st August	11th after Trinity	11.15am	Wingfield	Benefice Eucharist