

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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June 2014

The beginning of June sees the great festival of Pentecost, a celebration of the Holy Spirit, which is often pictured as wind. At the risk of stating the obvious, wind that isn't moving isn't wind at all!

In the book of Acts, Christians are described as followers of 'The Way' several chapters before they are called 'Christians'. Perhaps that is a healthy image of the church; it has its fault and limitations but it is meant to be on the way. It is meant to be moving, blown along by the wind of the Spirit of God.

There is movement in our own Benefice as Eleanor Goodison is ordained and moves on to become curate in South Hartismere, a definite case of our loss being someone else's gain, but we thank God for her ministry amongst us and trust she will continue to be a blessing to many. There is more movement and change as we start planning in detail for a monthly service for young families in Syleham to start in September.

And still the movement doesn't stop; David Burrell comes into the Deanery as rector for the third Benefice.

If you thought June was a month for sitting still and watching Wimbledon, think again! Christ requires His followers, the Church, to be always ready to move, always on The Way.

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

Sat 7th, Sat 14th, Sat 21st, then from Tues 24th June until Sun 20th July.

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Tues 3rd - Sun 29th June, Suffolk Monochrome Group Exhibition and Royal Photographic Society, 11am - 4pm. Closed Mondays. Free Admission.

Fri 6th June, Mustard Theatre Company presents *Death and the Maiden* by Ariel Dorfman, 7.30pm, a tense, gripping drama. All tickets £8. Contains strong language and references to scenes of violence! We suggest 16+ only.

Sat 7th June, Quattro Amici, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 in advance. £10 on the door. An exciting quartet of acclaimed solo singers, covering genres from Mozart to Mamma Mia, Bizet to Berstein.

Sat 8th, Car Boot Sale, 10-12, £5 a pitch.

Wingfield College - Invitation to View. Book at www.invitationtoview.co.uk, 2pm, Sat 21st June, Fri 18th July, Fri 12th Sept.

De La Pole Arms, Wingfield
Thurs 19th June, Pub Quiz, 7.30pm.

Wingfield Plant Sale, Sat 14th, Sun 15th June, 1 Bleach Green, Wingfield, 10am-2pm. Contributions welcome. Proceeds to Wingfield Church. Contact Sue, 586121.

Revd Michael is away on holiday from Tues 24th June to Sun 20th July. During this time, should you need to talk to a priest, please contact Canon Andrew Vessey on 01379 588389, andrew.vessey@btinternet.com. For anything administrative, please contact Virginia Skoyles on 01379 586708, hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com.

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 July HBN is 16th June.

The D Day film 'The Longest Day' is showing in St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, on Sun 8th June to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D Day. All profits, once the copyright fee has been paid, are being donated to the Royal British Legion with a representative attending to say a few words about the work of the Legion and run a raffle. There will be tea and cake for sale and the bar will be open with choc ices and popcorn. Wartime costume welcomed! Doors open 1.30pm, starts 2pm. Tickets £3.50 from Hoxne Post Office & Stores or call 01379 668060.

Hoxne's Annual Village Fête is Sat 21st June at the Old Vicarage next to the church. The event, which raises funds to help meet the running costs of the church, opens at 2pm. High on the feature list is the Teddy Bear Ride of Terror with bears descending from the top of the church tower. An array of stalls and activities is being arranged for this traditional village event. Large car park at the rear of the church. Call 01379 669157 for more details.

Syleham's Annual Summer Lunch takes place on Sat 28th June. This is a popular and relaxed event held in the walled garden at Monks Hall, IP21 4LN from 12 noon to 2pm. Lunch will be £7.50 inc. a glass of wine (children £3) and proceeds will go to the church general funds. Contact Marion Minns on 669262.

Eleanor Goodison is nearing the end of her training for ordination and will be ordained in Bury St Edmunds' Cathedral Sun 29 June at 10am. She will serve her curacy in the South Hartismere Benefice. Many people, especially in Wingfield, have benefited from her ministry and we will remember her in our prayers as she embarks on the next stage of her journey.

Horham

A huge thank you to everyone involved in Horham for hosting the Deanery confirmation service in May and laying on a lovely tea afterwards. Please continue to remember Sarah, Adam and Helga as they continue on their journey of faith.

Open the Book is a hugely enjoyable activity which takes Bible stories to primary school children.

This project was set up for the millennium and has grown 'like topsy' around the country and is linked to the bible society. Currently, our small team have an assembly slot of about 20 minutes at St Edmunds Primary School Hoxne about twice each half term. We rehearse the week before and collect props/costumes. We use the Lion Story Teller Bible, a booklet with the introduction and conclusion to our story and we access the website which has useful resources. You can find more from www.openthebook.net. We would very much welcome more team members. If you are interested in this outreach and building of links with children in our community, please contact me on 01379 668434. Cathie McGregor

Benefice Service at Athelington

on Stk Peter's Day, Sun 29th June. A number of our helpers and providers are away this year so we are unable to offer lunch at Meadow Farm after the service. However, we will offer small refreshments in church and hope that lots of people can join us to celebrate St Peter.

Wingfield Village Fête, Sat 28th June, at Wingfield Barns, 12.30 - 3pm. Fun and games, plant stall, raffle, strawberries and cream, BBQ, cake stall, books, craft stalls, refreshments, ice creams, vintage military Land Rovers and motor bikes.

Rural Coffee Caravan Info Project in Redlingfield and Wingfield

The Coffee Caravan returns to Redlingfield on Weds 4th June and to Wingfield on Tues 17th June, from 10am until noon, with coffee, tea, biscuits and information about local events, services and organisations. Donations welcome. A great opportunity to meet neighbours and keep up to date with what's on.

Also in Redlingfield

Tues 2nd - Village committee meeting from 8pm, Western Barn in Abbots Meadow.

Tues 10th June - Churchyard clear up. Bring along some tools and help tidy up the churchyard. From 6pm.

Sat 14th - Pub on the Green, Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

Friends of Hoxne Church coffee

morning, 28th June, 10am – 11.30am, in the church. We have an oversupply of donated books. If you need more for a book stall, call Brian on 669157.

Launching in September - a service for young families. From the first Sunday in September we are planning a service for young families on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4pm in Syleham Village Hall. It will involve simple craft activities, refreshments and worship. More details in the coming months but if you'd like to be involved in helping with this new venture please contact Revd Michael.

Red Bridge Road Closure. The road between Hoxne and Diss will be closed from Fri 11th to Tues 29th July to allow for refurbishment of this bridge. Look out for diversion signs.

Hoxne Mothers' Union meets on the 3rd Monday of every month; Mon 16th, 2pm at Cathie McGregor's home.

You will be warmly welcomed at all the services around the benefice

Sunday 1st June	9.30am	Redlingfield	Holy Communion
Sunday after	11.15am	Horham	Family Service
Ascension Day	11.15am	Hoxne	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Syleham	Mattins - BCP
Sunday 8th June	9.30am	Horham	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00am	Wingfield	HC & Dedication Festival
	11.15am	Hoxne	Mattins - BCP
Sunday 15th June	8.30am	Hoxne	BCP Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	9.30am	Athelington	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Syleham	Family Service
	10.00am	Wingfield	Family Service
	11.15am	Hoxne	Baptism
	11.15am	Horham	Family Service
Sunday 22nd June	9.30am	Syleham	BCP Holy Communion
1st after Trinity	9.30am	Redlingfield	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Hoxne	Family Service
	11.15am	Denham	Family Service/ John the Baptist
	11.15am	Horham	Family Service
	6.30pm	Wingfield	Evensong -BCP
Sunday 29th June	11.15am	Athelington	Benefice Eucharist
St Peter & St Paul			