

# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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May 2014

Happy Easter! As I outlined in my Easter sermons, my key thought for Eastertide is that we need to learn how to see things differently. I was encouraged to read that Bishop David sees things the same way as me! You can read his Easter sermon online in his blog (search for Bishop's Blog and he's near the top of the list). Like me, he was talking about how the disciples went back to the familiar, to what they knew in Galilee and how the church needs to be involved and connected with the communities it serves.

In many of our parishes this happens now, in lots of subtle ways, and I hope that as the future unfolds there will be many more. The wisdom is in knowing where God is at work, where Jesus has gone ahead of us. Please join me in that prayer through Eastertide and beyond.

May sees a very exciting service as we host the Deanery confirmation service at St Mary's, Horham at 4pm on Sunday 18th May. Sarah Hall from Horham will be confirmed by the Honorary Bishop, Rt Revd Gavin Reid. Please remember Sarah and the other candidate in your prayers. On a personal note, Bishop Gavin led my ordination retreat and it will be a pleasure to see and hear him again.

## **Revd Michael's planned rest days and days away from the benefice in May.**

The Diocese is sending me on another course this month so it feels like I'm away a fair bit... Mon 5th, Thurs 15th, Tues 20th to Fri 3rd inclusive, Mon 26th, Tues 27th.

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## **Churchwardens**

**Athelington: St Peter.** Evelyn Adey 01728 628428, John Davey 01379 741455

**Denham: St John the Baptist.** Michael Reeves 01379 668179

**Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.** Brian Chester 01379 669157, Guy McGregor 01379 668434

**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** Tel: 01379 384505  
**Saturday 3rd May - Sunday 18th May:**  
East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies, 10-4pm. (Closed Saturday 10th May). 125 member clubs in East Anglia. Free admission.

**Thursday 8th May** - New Eye Theatre Company: *Bus Pass to Peterborough* and *Body and Soul*, 2 plays by John Gleeson. 7.30pm. Tickets £9.50 (concs £7.70).

**Friday 16th May.** Open Space Theatre Company, Alan Ayckbourn's *Woman in Mind*. Tickets £9.50, concs £8.50.

**Wingfield College** - Invitation to View. Book at [www.invitationtoview.co.uk](http://www.invitationtoview.co.uk) 2pm, Sat 17th May, Sat 21st June, Fri 18th July, Fri 12th September.

### **De La Pole Arms, Wingfield**

#### **Thursday 1st May:**

Steak Night. Two rump steak dinners with all the trimmings - £20

#### **Thursday 15th May:**

Fish and Chips Special - 2 for £15

#### **Friday 23rd - Monday 26th May:**

Bank Holiday Cider Festival

#### **Sunday 25th May:**

Afternoon BBQ & Evening Quiz

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Thank you from Revd Michael to everyone who worked so hard to make our churches look so beautiful over Easter and the services run so smoothly.

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**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](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com) Deadline for June HBN is 19th May.**

### **Join the Celebration of the Centenary of the Diocese**

There are two services of worship celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese being held on Sunday 6th July at Ipswich Regent Theatre.

#### ***Be inspired by the past 100 years as we look forward to the next century;*** **Songs of Praise, 3pm:**

hearing stories from each decade of how the Church has impacted Suffolk lives, interlinked with favourite hymns and an address from Bishop David.

#### **Contemporary Worship Service, 7pm:**

hearing personal testimonies of how the Church has changed Suffolk lives, interlinked with creative arts, including Pilgrim puppets.

The centenary hymn and centenary children's songs will be featured and led by an orchestra, music group and choir formed from throughout the diocese.

**Tickets can be obtained from the Regent Box Office in person, by telephone (01473 433100) or (adults only\*) online [www.ipswichregent.com](http://www.ipswichregent.com)**

(to locate the events; use the calendar in the top right corner and select 6th July, or 'Songs of Praise' or 'Contemporary Worship' from the Quick Buy menu).

Adult tickets are for a donation of £5 with the option to increase to £10, £15 or £20 – the extra above the initial £5 can be gift-aided by those able to do so.

Children U16 are FREE if attending with a 'donating adult'. Group bookings are restricted by ratio to no more than 8 children to every 2 adults.

Please note: The 'free children's tickets' must be booked via the box office. This offer is not available online.

All these tickets are available on a first come, first served basis – so don't delay! Please spread the word!

## **Redlingfield**

Saturday 10th May - Pub on the Green, Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

Wednesday 14th May - Village committee AGM, from 8pm in Horham Village Hall.

**Hoxne Mothers' Union** meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. Their May meeting is on Mon 19th May, 2pm at Cathie McGregor's.

## **Archdeacon's visitation**

The churchwardens throughout the deanery will be sworn in on Wednesday 21st May, 7.30pm at All Saints' Stradbroke. Please come and support them if you can.

## **Horham**

Deanery confirmation service at Horham, 4pm on Sunday 18th May. Sarah Hall from Horham will be confirmed by Honorary Bishop Gavin Reid.

## **also**

The day before, on the morning of Saturday 17th May, households across Horham are holding a garage sale event. For more information or to take part yourself, please call Daphne Harvey on 01379 384216.

## **Syleham**

Coffee Morning, Saturday 3rd May, 10.30am – noon, at Mary Lewis' home, Little Hemplands, Syleham, IP21 4LT (01379 669258). Drop in for a chat. Revd Michael will be on hand. Donations are invited for TEECH - aid for Eastern Europe. Also raffle and bring-and-buy.

**Benefice Lent Lunches** Donations made at these lunches amounted to £177.22 for WaterAid. Thank you to everyone who hosted the lunches and thank you to everyone who was able to join us and make them so successful.

## **Rural Coffee Caravan Info Project in Redlingfield and Wingfield**

The Coffee Caravan returns to Redlingfield on Wednesday 7th May and to Castle Crescent, Wingfield on Tuesday 20th May, from 10am until noon, with coffee, tea and biscuits and lots of information about local events, services and organisations. Donations appreciated. An excellent opportunity to meet your neighbours and keep up to date with what is happening around us.

**Friends of Hoxne Church** are planning a visit to the Annual Flower Festival (53rd year) at Walpole, St Peter's Church (known as the Cathedral of the Fens) on Monday 2nd June, and afterwards on to King's Lynn for a couple of hours. Lunches are available at the church hall; ham or cheese salad with roll and butter, fruit pie and cream, tea or coffee. Total cost - coach + lunch + driver's tip = £17. The coach will leave Dickleburgh at 9.30am and Hoxne at 9.45am. Contact John Chapman 01379 740821 to book.

**Friends of Hoxne Church** have their regular coffee morning on the 4th Saturday of every month so this month it is 24th May, 10am – 11.30am, in church.

## **Christian Aid Week 2014, 11-17th May**

Give people a future without fear.  
War tears lives apart.

You can help put them back together.  
For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is part of daily life. The good news is that individuals, communities and churches can make a real difference this Christian Aid Week. Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise £12m.

**Please give generously when the volunteer collector calls at your door.**

<b>You will be warmly welcomed at all the services around the benefice</b>
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Sunday 4th May 3rd Easter	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
Sunday 11th May 4th Easter	11.00am	Wingfield	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Hoxne	Mattins - BCP
Sunday 18th May 5th Easter	8.30am	Hoxne	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Athelington	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Syleham	Family Service
	10.00am	Wingfield	Family Service
	11.15am	Hoxne	Baptism Service
	4.00pm	Horham	Confirmation
Sunday 25th May Rogation Sunday	9.30am	Syleham	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Redlingfield	Morning Prayer – CW
	10.00am	Hoxne	Family Service
	11.15am	Denham	Family Service
	11.15am	Horham	Family Service
	6.30pm	Wingfield	Evensong - BCP