

# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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**September 2014**

Do you find prayer difficult? It is often said that there are plenty of books of prayers and few on how to pray which suggests that we all find prayer difficult. I think that as with developing any skill, the important thing is to keep trying and so I am very excited that this autumn is going to be a season of prayer and there will be a host of opportunities to explore different forms of prayer. The first two events are in September. On Saturday 6th September, we have the dean of the cathedral, Rt Revd Dr Frances Ward, leading a pilgrimage through the benefice. Dean Frances will be with us to lead a walk and prayers from Hoxne church at 10.30am via the St Edmund memorial through Syleham to Wingfield church where there will be a lunch break (helpfully opposite the pub) and then back to Hoxne. Pilgrimage is enjoying a resurgence in Christianity; here is a great opportunity to try a gentle local one before you lace your boots and set off for Santiago de Compostela!

More sedate, at the end of the month we have the first of our deanery prayer workshops; this will be on Saturday 27th September for the morning from 10am in Fressingfield. Each month there will be two different forms of prayer to try out in the workshops, the first workshop being led by Rev Susan on prayers in church and praying for others. All the workshops will be on a similar line of a brief introduction but most of the time spent working with your own prayer-who knows it may turn out that you're better at prayer than you thought!

Rev Michael's rest days and days away from the benefice in September: 2nd, 10th, 11th, 12th, 19th, 20th, 24th, 30th.

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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

### **The Dean's Pilgrimage Walk**

Saturday 6th Sept, walking from Hoxne to Wingfield, via Syleham and back (approx. 10 miles).

We meet at Hoxne church from 10.30am, (parking in church car park), refreshments served, prayers in the church at 10.45am. Pilgrimage starts 11am, led by the Very Rev Dr Frances Ward, (Dean of the Cathedral).

A pleasant day's walk including prayers en route, stopping at Wingfield for lunch. Coffee and tea in Wingfield church, special pilgrim's ale and pre-ordered lunches available from the De La Pole Arms (01379 384545) or bring packed lunch. Finish time approx. 5pm/5.30pm with tea and cake in Hoxne church.

### **Wingfield Produce, Flower & Craft Show**

Saturday 13th Sept at Wingfield Barns, 12 noon until 3pm, including table top sale. Entry forms in the church.

### **Wingfield Harvest Supper**

Saturday 27th Sept, 6.30pm in the church. For more info on both the above, contact Sharon on 01379 384854.

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### **Wingfield Barns, Tel: 01379 384505**

Sat 20th Sept, 7.30pm. Andrew Burke in Concert. (classical piano) £8.

### **Wingfield College**

Friday 6th, Saturday 26th September, 2pm. Tickets: 01206 573948  
[www.mercurytheatre.co.uk](http://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk)

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**Deadline for October HBN is 22nd Sept.**

### **Athelington**

The church is our only shared space and belongs to everyone in the village. The PCC is hosting a meeting to discuss ideas about how we want to use the church in the future, examples being for social events such as coffee mornings, to leave the church open for private prayer or meditation, group meditation times or any other ideas. All welcome to come and join the discussion on Sunday, 15th September, 3pm in the church.

### **Suffolk Historic Churches' Sponsored Bike Ride**

Sat 13th Sept. It's not too late to take part or church sit! A portion of the money raised goes to your church. Contacts are: Evelyn Adey, Athelington; Susan Roberts, Denham; Daphne Harvey, Horham; Caroline Ball, Hoxne; Joan Abbott, Redlingfield; Mary Lewis, Syleham and John McCracken, Wingfield.

### **Evening Communion at Denham**

Our next monthly midweek Communion at Denham will be on Tuesday 9th, at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in this reflective service.

### **Song Cycle Concert**

Hoxne Church, Sat 27th Sept, 7.30pm. Song Cycle was formed in 1996 and since then the 4 singers have entered the Essex Churches' Sponsored Cycle Ride and raised over £32,000, cycling over 600 miles and singing at 626 churches. Their style is much akin to the King's Singers. They've sung with Aled Jones on Songs of Praise and in many cathedrals country-wide. Their programme is a mix of folk, classical, humour and Beatles, Flanders and Swann and more. Tickets £10, from Margaret Brawn (668352) or Peter at the Hoxne Shop (668254), include interval refreshments with wine/soft drinks.

### **Save the Children Garden Party**

Thursday 4th Sept, 6-8pm, Woodlands, 50 Low Street, Hoxne. £5 entry incs glass of wine and selection of finger foods. More wine available - donations to Save the Children. Tickets: Hilary Castleden 01379 668458 or Hoxne Village Shop.

### **Coffee, Chat and Choose**

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, (3rd and 17th Sept), 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.

### **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.

### **Deanery Prayer Workshops**

The first workshop will be 10-12 noon, Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield, Saturday 27th Sept – Intercessions and prayers during a visit. (Also 11th Oct, 8th Nov).

### **The Dementia Helpline**

Worrying about memory loss for yourself or someone else? We provide a listening ear and during office hours offer further practical support and information, along with details of other local services. All calls confidential. For more information: email: [dementiahelpline.suffolk@sueryder.org](mailto:dementiahelpline.suffolk@sueryder.org) visit: [www.sueryder.org/dementia-helpline](http://www.sueryder.org/dementia-helpline) call: 01473 353350 (24 hours).

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

The caravan comes to Redlingfield on Weds 3rd and to Wingfield on Tues 16th Sept, 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 13th Sept, Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

### **Mothers' Union in the Benefice.**

The Mothers Union is a Christian charity which supports family life in its many forms, with over 4 million members in 83 countries throughout the world.

This month, we are meeting a week later than usual, on Monday 22nd September at 2.15pm, Time House, Low Street, Hoxne. We will be discussing Religion and Belief in Public Life and return our thoughts to Mary Sumner House where they will contribute to the government's consultation currently underway. Such consultations help to frame legislation and we are very fortunate to be able to participate in this process.

On Wednesday 8th October, there will be a coffee morning from 10am with cards, calendars and other seasonal merchandise for sale at Eldfield, Hoxne (near the village hall). All welcome. For more information please contact me, Cathie McGregor 01379 668434.

**Friends of Hoxne Church** coffee morning, Saturday 20th September, 10-11.30am in the church.

### **Horham - Harvest Lunch, 28th Sept**

12 noon in the Community Centre after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the church. For more info, please contact Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625.

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

| <b>September 2014</b> | <b>Week 1<br/>Sun 7th Sept<br/>12th a/ Trinity</b>   | <b>Week 2<br/>Sun 14th Sept<br/>Holy Cross Day</b> | <b>Week 3<br/>Sun 21st Sept<br/>St Matthew</b> | <b>Week 4<br/>Sun 28th Sept<br/>15th a/ Trinity</b> |
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| Athelington           |  |  | 9.30am<br><br>Holy Communion                   |   |
| Denham                | Tues 9th, 7.30pm<br>Holy Communion   |  |  | 11.15am<br><br>Family Service                       |
| Horham                | 10.45am<br>95th Bomber<br>Group wreath<br>laying followed at<br><br>11.15am<br>Service of<br>Commemoration | 9.30am<br><br>BCP Holy<br>Communion                | 11.15am<br><br>Family Service                  | 11.15am<br><br>Harvest Festival                     |
| Hoxne                 | 11.15am<br><br>Holy Communion  | 11.15am<br><br>BCP Matins                          | 8.30am<br>BCP Holy<br>Communion                | 10am<br><br>Family Service                          |
| Redlingfield          | 9.30am<br><br>Holy Communion   |  | 6pm<br><br>Harvest Festival                    | 9.30am<br><br>Morning Prayer                        |
| Syleham               | 4pm<br><br>Messy Church  |  | 11.15am<br><br>Harvest Festival                | 9.30am<br><br>Holy Communion                        |
| Wingfield             | 11am<br><br>Morning Prayer   | 11am<br><br>Holy<br>Communion                      | 10am<br><br>Family Service                     | 6.30pm<br><br>Harvest Festival                      |