



April 2024	Sunday 7th Easter 2	Sunday 14th Easter 3	Sunday 21st Easter 4	Sunday 28th Easter 5
Athelington	No service this month			
Denham			11am JM CW Holy Communion	
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am EG for 10am Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	11am EG CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	No Messy Church		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG BCP Evensong with Sine Nomine choir	

Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

Easter and April 2024



Alleluia is our song

'Alleluia' comes from Hebrew and means Praise the Lord. It is often used in Christian worship, but particularly in the Easter season. Easter Day is celebrated this year on 31st March but the celebrations don't end there: the Easter season continues for six weeks, right up to Ascension in the middle of May. This is the most joyful time of the Church's year, as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the promise that we too can look forward to eternal life through the sacrifice he made.

And the rejoicing is not just for the Easter season. St Augustine of Hippo wrote 'We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song'. In a sense, we live in a permanent Easter, always joyful, always aiming to live as people who are redeemed and made citizens of God's kingdom of peace and justice. Every Sunday is an Easter celebration. As we look around the world, we may feel that peace and justice are in short supply just now, but God is faithful. The Holy Spirit who came to Jesus' disciples at Pentecost (19th May this year) is at work and our salvation is near.

Sometimes living as citizens of God's kingdom involves practical stuff and this is the time of year when our churches hold their annual meetings. Every resident has a right to attend to vote for churchwardens and hear about the work of the church over the last year, as well as plans for the future. So do come along. Details of dates are in this newsletter. **Revd Eleanor Goodison**

Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be on retreat from the afternoon of 14th April until Friday 19th April inclusive. If you need a priest urgently during this time, please contact Revd Richard.

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday.

If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

Revd Eleanor: 07876 143579, eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Revd John: 07876 507288, vj.mccracken@gmail.com

Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday services, see inside.

On the rotas.... EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis

Online Every Saturday and Sunday:

Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch), 8am

Online **Every Friday**: Compline on Zoom at 6pm.

For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Some church services also live streamed/uploaded to [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch).

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul	Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046
Horham: St Mary	David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216
Redlingfield: St Andrew	Hazel Abbott 01379 678217
Syleham: St Margaret	Mary Lewis 01379 669258, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew	Peter Demetriadi 01379 586231

Easter - see services far right

APRIL 2024

Regular events **not taking place in April:**

Little Lambs will be on holiday.

Messy Church, no meeting on 7th, having met for the Easter Egg hunt on **Easter Day**.

Mothers' Union fellowship group meets again on 20th May.

Tuesday 2nd

Coffee and cake. Drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse a few books.

Wednesday 3rd

The Coffee Caravan is back in Redlingfield for the summer. 10 to 12 noon on the village triangle. Come and enjoy getting together in the open air!

Tuesday 9th April

Club Create meets at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall for a drama workshop from 10am to 3pm. We'll be developing a short drama about the Easter story. Children aged 7-12 very welcome. Lunch provided. Please book your place with Revd Eleanor.

APCMs (Annual Meetings)

Open to everyone!

Athelington tba

Denham, 12 noon on Sunday 21st April in the church

Horham, 7.30pm on Monday 22nd April at the Old School

Hoxne, 6pm on Saturday 27th April in the church

Redlingfield, 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th May in the church

Syleham, 11am on Sunday 19th May in the church

Wingfield, 2pm on Saturday 11th May in the church

Wednesday 10th

The Book Club meets at 5pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield. Our book will be *Stella* by Takis Würger. For further details, contact Revd Eleanor.

Saturday 13th

Coffee morning 10.30am to 12.30pm, at Wingfield church, in aid of church funds. Delicious cakes and bakes, raffle and tours of the church.

Tuesday 16th

The Coffee Caravan returns to Wingfield from 10 to 12 noon. NB: the caravan will be at Wingfield Barns instead of Castle Crescent.

Saturday 20th

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning and book sale, 9.45 to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Sunday 21st

is **Vocations Sunday**.

There will be Vocations Fair at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds from 1.30 to 3pm. Why not pay it a visit and browse the stalls to find the right ministry for you? They will cover children's and families work, pioneers, evangelists, school foundation governors and spiritual directors, to name but a few.



Maundy Thursday (28th March) deanery service at 7pm at Gislingham church. For further details, contact Revd Eleanor.

Good Friday services

11.15am Horham church, 12 noon Wingfield church, | 2.30pm Hoxne church

Easter

Saturday 30th March, Easter Eve, 7.30pm, Service of Light at Denham

Easter Day

9.30am CW Holy Communion at Hoxne
9.30am CW Holy Communion at Redlingfield
10am Easter Praise at Syleham
11am CW Holy Communion at Wingfield
11.15am BCP Holy Communion at Horham
4pm Messy Church Easter story and egg hunt, J's meadow, Syleham. In hall if wet
6pm Easter Songs of Praise at Athelington

Remember that the clocks go forward on Easter Day!



Sunday 21st April

Another special **Choral Evensong** at Wingfield church, 6pm, with the Sine Nomine choir. If you enjoy traditional Evensong, this is for you! Wine, soft drinks and nibbles after the service.

Friday 26th

Simple Communion service with hymns and prayers, Depperhaugh at 2.30pm. We are always grateful for additional singers!

Friday 26th

The Youth Café is open 7 to 9pm, Hoxne pavilion for everyone in school years 7-11 (ages 12-16). Games, crafts, food and hanging out with your friends. Come and join us!

Keep in touch!

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facebook.com/athelingtonchurch
facebook.com/HoxneMC

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* To receive this newsletter by email, send your details to Virginia at hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Waveney Foodbank

Tel: 07484 394749.

Please don't forget to donate food (in Hoxne church or your supermarket) or go to the website to donate online. Non-perishable goods always required. They are short of nappies and wipes just now.