

April 2021	2nd April Good Friday	4th April Easter Day	11th April Easter 2	18th April Easter 3	25th April Easter 4
Athelington			9.30am RC CW Holy Communion		
Denham					11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham	7pm EG Good Friday service			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	2.30pm EG Good Friday service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	9.30am JS Matins
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion			
Syleham				10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	12 noon JM Good Friday services	11am JM CW Holy Communion 4pm Messy Church		6pm JM Evensong (or Zoom)	
Zoom Services	No Zoom Compline	11am EG Holy Communion	9.30am ML Café Church		4pm JM All Age Service

Maunday Thursday, 7.30pm, Stripping of the altar at Redlingfield

Easter Eve, 7.30pm, Service of light at Denham

More online services

Every Saturday and Sunday, Morning Prayer on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch, 8am
(but not 10th and 11th). **Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm** (but not 9th).

Some services in church will also be live streamed or uploaded into facebook.

To join our Zoom services, email Revd Eleanor at eleanor.goodison@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken

RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis JS - John Swann LE - Lay elders

Revds Eleanor and John will be taking time off from 5th to 11th April inclusive.

Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

April 2021 News



Revd Eleanor's birthday is the last day of the tax year. Her mother used to joke that she scheduled the birth for that day for reasons of financial planning.

The anniversary of the first lockdown has passed, and I think that it is fair to say that many of us have experienced the passage of time differently under these difficult circumstances. The term Groundhog Day has been used a lot, in reference to the 1993 film where Bill Murray's character gets stuck in a time loop and the same day is lived repeatedly. It is true that the rhythm of life since March 2020 has been different, but the cycle of the year has still taken place in the usual way. And we've all had a birthday during this period, we're all a year older.

The Bible readings set out in the lectionary have recently included lots of passages from John's Gospel. One of the things that the Gospel writer has taken care over is to specify the time of year when many of the events take place. This is done by referencing the religious festivals with which they coincided. Thus over the cycle of the religious year is mapped the unfolding of Jesus' ministry. As an annual cycle turns, the path to salvation advances.

The plot of Groundhog Day is about the passage of the seasons from winter to spring, and the growth of the lead character into a better person.

As we approach the great celebration of Easter, it will be another festival held under COVID restrictions, but it will still be Easter. We are redeemed.

Revd John McCracken

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 on Friday.

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

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Copies of this newsletter are in churches.

Email Virginia on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com to receive it by email.

Benefice Advisory Committee

The Benefice Advisory Committee meets on Zoom about once every six weeks to plan ahead and advise Revd Eleanor on future developments. It has no decision-making powers and it focuses on mission and ministry rather than finance and administration. Ideas are passed on to PCCs for action.

Recent discussions have covered:

- **the rota of services** and the mix of in-church and online services in changing circumstances. Do let Revd Eleanor know whether you think the mix is right!
- **services and activities for young people** and ideas for using our Mission Fund to best effect. We are hoping to take forward some art and music workshops for young people over the summer.
- **the theme and arrangements for the Lent Study Group.** Look out for a new regular Bible Study Group coming after Easter.
- **initial thoughts about summer events** once Covid restrictions are lifted, including singing!

New members for the Benefice Advisory Committee are welcome - just get in touch with Revd Eleanor.



Don't forget your Easter bonnet!

We are inviting you to a special Zoom event for Easter, on Saturday 3rd April at 11am. There will be a fun quiz and we want you to wear a special Easter bonnet for the event. You could dig out a vintage hat from the back of the wardrobe, or you could make your own, or decorate a plain one – whatever you want! There will be prizes for the best hats and, if Covid regulations permit, a touring exhibition in our churches from 12th April onwards.

Church Annual Meetings in May

Our church Annual Meetings will be held in the second half of May this year:

Syleham, 7pm on Wednesday 19th
Wingfield, 7pm on Thursday 20th
Denham, 12 noon on Sunday 23rd
Redlingfield, 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th

Look out for announcements of dates for other churches.

We are looking for more volunteers to join our PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) and help to run our churches. Would you be interested?

Messy Easter

Join us for Messy Church in Wingfield Church at 4pm on Easter Day. We will be decorating Easter eggs and making mini-Easter gardens, as well as hearing about the Easter story and saying our Easter prayers.

Looking ahead

As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we can look ahead and plan events for the summer. Individual churches will be making their own plans soon, but meanwhile here are some benefice dates to put in your diary: **Sunday 23rd May** (afternoon): Pentecost barbecue (remember those tongues of flame?). Venue to be confirmed.

Week of 31st May to 4th June (half term): we hope to organise art workshops for young people at Wingfield Barns. Please let Revd Eleanor know if you would like to join in.

Sunday 26th September: Revd Michael Womack will be visiting the benefice to preach at a Sunday morning service for St Michael and all Angels.

Thank you from Hoxne Church

to everyone who completed the survey about our aspirations for the church building. It was good to see such strong support for our plans, although as one person pointed out, we do need to give you some more details as soon as we can. For example, we are all agreed that a new loo which offers good access for people with disabilities is our top priority but we don't yet have a design to show you. Rest assured that we will be updating you as our plans progress.

And please don't forget..... easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy. If you are finding that you are ordering more goods online at the moment, why not sign up to support the benefice? **It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised 685.00 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice. Thank you for signing up.

Church open for private prayer

Most of our churches are open once a week for private prayer:

Horham	Sunday	9am - 5pm
Redlingfield	Tuesday	10am - 4pm
Denham	Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Hoxne	Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Syleham	Thursday	10am - 2.30pm
Wingfield	Thursday	2.30pm - 5pm

Athelington Church is open on request.

Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages: [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or [facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).

Follow Revd Eleanor on Twitter: @ReverendEleanor (you do not need your own Twitter account to read her tweets; just search for @ReverendEleanor).

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Tel: 0808 2000 247

**ChildLine**  
Tel: 0800 1111

**Waveney Foodbank**  
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