| Aug<br>2023  | Sunday 6th<br>Transfiguration<br>of our Lord              | Sunday 13th<br>Trinity 10         | Sunday 20th<br>Trinity 11                | Sunday 27th<br>Trinity 12             |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Athelington  | 9.30am EG<br>CW Holy<br>Communion                         |                                   |  |                                       |
| Denham       |   |                                   |  |                                       |
| Horham       |   |                                   | 11.15am RC<br>Benefice Holy<br>Communion |                                       |
| Hoxne        | 9.30am JM<br>BCP Holy<br>Communion                        | 9.30am JM<br>Café Church          |  | 11am RC<br>Benefice Holy<br>Communion |
| Redlingfield |   | 9.30am EG<br>CW Holy<br>Communion |  |                                       |
| Syleham      | 4pm<br>Messy Church<br>picnic at J's<br>Meadow<br>ML+team |                                   |  |                                       |
| Wingfield    | 11am JM<br>CW Holy<br>Communion                           |                                   |  |                                       |

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

#### **Online Services**

Every Saturday and Sunday: Morning Prayer on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch, 8am Every Friday: Compline on Zoom, 6pm.

Lammas Service - Tuesday 1st August, 6pm at Hoxne church. (EG). See diary. No Compline on Zoom on Fridays 18th, 25th Aug, 1st Sept. No Morning Prayer on Facebook on 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th Aug, 2nd Sept.

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# **Hoxne Benefice Churches**

Athelington Denham Horham Hoxne Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield

# August 2023 News



#### Progress with our Plan for Growth

Our gardens (and our churchyards!) are growing away at the moment and I am glad to say our churches too are active and planning for the future. In the Benefice News for July, I set out the priorities which are included in our Plan for Growth as a benefice and urged readers to consider whether God might be calling you to play a more active part. This month there is good progress to report on the plan:

- We have appointed a youth worker and aim to start a youth group for 12-18 year olds in September - look out for more news of this! And if you are 12-18 and you have any suggestions for what you would like from the youth group, do please get in contact.
- We have installed the new toilet block at Hoxne church and have initiated the process of getting permission for work on the bells and tower, which could ultimately provide a warm meeting space at the base of the tower.
- We also have new people coming forward to take up voluntary positions in our churches many thanks to them though we still need more. Is there a contribution you could make? It could be anything from helping with a harvest supper to exploring a licensed ministry. If you would like to talk about the possibilities, I am always ready to chat.

We will be reviewing our plan regularly, so if you feel there are other priorities which should be included, please let us know.

#### **Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison**

Please note Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be taking some holiday from 19th Aug to 2nd Sept. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Revd Richard Court, rev.richard.court@icloud.com. 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 Copies of this newsletter are in church. Email Virginia, to receive it by email, on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

# August 2023

# Tuesday 1st

**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.

## **Tuesday 1st**

Little Lambs is on holiday for August.

## Also Tuesday 1st

#### **Our traditional Lammas Service**

A celebration of the first bread from the first grain of the first harvest, 6pm at Hoxne church, followed by hog roast. Collection in aid of the Addington Fund, for farming families in need.

# Wednesday 2nd

**The Rural Coffee Caravan** in Redlingfield. 10am to 12 noon on the village triangle.

# Sunday 6th

#### Summer Fête at Wingfield Barns

12 noon to 4pm. Stalls and games in aid of Wingfield church, plus Pimm's tent, Punch and Judy (a huge hit last year), crafts, etc. Entrance only 50p for adults, children free.

### Also Sunday 6th

**Messy Church** will be having a picnic on J's meadow in Syleham. 4pm as usual. Ideal for children aged 3-7 but younger and older siblings also welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

# Monday 7th

**Club Create** outing to St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Kids aged 7-12 welcome to take part. Contact Revd Eleanor for more details and to book your place.

### Saturday 9th Sept, Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Visit https://shct.org.uk for more details or contact your local representative. Half the sponsorship money we raise goes to our local church and half to the SHCT, which makes grants towards church building projects.

#### Local representatives:

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# **Tuesday 8th**

We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at the Depperhaugh nursing home at 2.30pm. Please come and support us.

# **Tuesday 15th**

**The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be at Castle Crescent, Wingfield, 10am to 12 noon. All welcome.

# Wednesday 16th

**The Book Club** meets at 6pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield. Our book this month is *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Everyone welcome. It does help if you have read the book!

# Saturday 19th

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

# Monday 21st

**The Hoxne Mothers' Union** meets at Time House, Hoxne, 2.30pm.

Please note our Bible Study group is taking a break in August and will be back in September. If you have suggestions for a new theme, please tell Revd Eleanor.



Looking ahead to September Sunday 3rd September Messy Harvest Festival, Syleham church, 4pm.

#### Sunday 10th

Redlingfield Produce Show, Doorstep Green in aid of church improvements. Fun for all the family. Pop-up pub will be open. Followed by open-air Harvest Festival.

#### Wednesday 13th

The **Book Club** will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

**Saturday 16th** Plant and produce sale at Denham church.

**Saturday 16th** Syleham Harvest Supper, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall.

**Tuesday 19th** Mothers' Union NSA morning, Hoxne church.

Saturday 23rd Wingfield Harvest Supper, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall.

**Saturday 30th** 60s dinner/dance in aid of Hoxne's Bells and Tower project, Hoxne Village Hall.

#### Keep in touch!

Check out our facebook pages: facebook.com/WingfieldChurch or facebook.com/athelingtonchurch.

https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC

For email newsletters from the diocese, email communications@cofesuffolk.org

#### Easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy for anyone who shops online...giving the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised over £965 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it! easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ hoxnebenefice.

Samaritans - It's alright to ask for help Tel: 116123

Refuge, against domestic violence Tel: 0808 2000 247

ChildLine Tel: 0800 1111

Waveney Foodbank Tel: 07484 394749

Waveney Foodbank This is the time of year when demand for the Foodbank's services increases because of the school holidays, yet the supply of donations of food is reduced because many people are away. If you can, please make extra donations either at Hoxne church where we have a collecting box or when you do your supermarket shop. Tinned and dry foods along with jams (not home-made) and pasta sauces are always welcome.