



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

March 2024



March 2024	Sunday 3rd Lent 3	Sunday 10th Lent 4 Mothering Sun	Sunday 17th Lent 5	Sunday 24th Palm Sunday	Easter Day
Athelington	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion				6pm EG Easter Songs of Praise
Denham			11am EG CW Holy Communion		
Horham			11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion		11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am ML for 10am Café Church	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	11am EG CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age Service	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion			9.30am RC CW Holy Communion
Syleham	4pm ML+team Messy Church Syleham/ Wingfield village hall		10am ML Village Service	9.3am EG BCP Holy Communion	10am ML Easter Praise 4pm Easter story and egg hunt (<i>see inside</i>)
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG BCP Evensong		11am EG CW Holy Communion

For Holy Week, 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, 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.

Church contacts

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Watch and pray

The Church of England's Lent theme this year is *Watch and Pray*, reminding us of Jesus' words to his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane: 'Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial'. We can take these words with us through Lent. They will help keep us from falling into complacency or apathy, forms of spiritual sleep, when we should be alert to what God may be saying to us in this holy time.

Some people give things up for Lent, like chocolate or alcohol; others take things up, like acts of kindness or generosity. Reading and study may be part of your Lent. Each of us will choose our own spiritual discipline, but prayer should always be at the heart of our routine. Lent is a good opportunity to try praying in a different way from usual, whether by spending time in silence when we usually use words, or by using a different book – in some way varying our practice. Who knows what we may discover? We have a number of special activities this Lent to help, detailed in this newsletter, for example our World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1st March at Hoxne church. This year the service has been put together by the women of Palestine. There will be coffee at 10am, followed by the service at 10.30am.

Lent leads up, of course, to the great celebration of Easter, which falls right at the end of March this year. We'll be celebrating in all of our churches with songs of praise, Easter eggs and our regular but always special thanksgiving to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. I hope you will be able to join us some time over the Easter weekend.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

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:

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Special activities for Lent

Compline at 6pm on Fridays will be Zoomed from Wingfield church and you will be welcome to join in in person.

Our **Lent Study Group** on Worship will continue with meetings at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings at Catelyns House, Wingfield (also on Zoom).

Tues 5th March: Penitence and Forgiveness
Tues 12th March: Hearing the Word
Tues 19th March: Thanksgiving

Our **Quiet Afternoon** will be held this year on Saturday 23rd March from 2 to 4.30pm in the St Edmund Chapel, Hoxne church. Everyone is welcome for meditation and periods of silence to help us prepare for Holy Week.

The Bishops' Lent Appeal this year is focused on *Faith in Action – Transforming Lives in Kagera*. You can learn more and donate at <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/exploring-faith/our-bishops/bishops-lent-appeal/>

Friday 1st Service for World Day of Prayer, 10am at Hoxne church for coffee before the service begins at 10.30am.

Sunday 3rd Messy Church meets at 4pm at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. We will be looking forward to Mothering Sunday. Designed for children aged 3-7 with parents or carers and siblings, but all welcome to participate.

Tuesday 5th 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.

Also **Tuesday 5th Little Lambs** will meet at the Pavilion in Hoxne 12.30 to 2.30pm as usual - children aged 0-3 and carers. Bring a packed lunch and we can eat together.

Wednesday 6th Redlingfield winter coffee morning at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, courtesy of Janet Norman-Phillips and Mike Ager. 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome for coffee, tea, cake and a natter.

Saturday 16th Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning and book sale, 9.45 to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Monday 18th

The Hoxne Mothers' Union Fellowship will meet at 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne.

Also **Monday 18th The Book Club** will meet at 5pm at Jan Hunter's house in Syleham. Please note this is a Monday meeting for once and the De La Pole Arms is closed. We had to cancel the February meeting so the book – *Lydia* by Paula Gooder – has been carried forward.

Wednesday 20th Wingfield winter coffee morning, Wingfield Barns, 10am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Friday 22nd We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at the **Depperhaugh** at 2.30pm. Additional singers always welcome!

Also Friday 22nd

The Youth Café is open 7 to 9pm at Hoxne Pavilion for everyone aged 12-16 (school years 7-11). Come and join us!



Holy Week

Compline on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March, 6pm in the St Edmund Chapel, Hoxne.

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!



Looking ahead

If you enjoyed the visit of the Jubilate Singers to Wingfield church for Evensong last month, then make a date in your diaries for Evensong at Wingfield at 6pm on Sunday 21st April. The Sine Nomine choir will be coming to sing and there will be refreshments after the service, as before.

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.

Keep in touch!

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