



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

Most of us are ordering much more online at the moment and will be doing so even more this Christmas. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise money for the churches of the Hoxne benefice.

Why not sign up to support the benefice with easyfundraising.org.uk?

It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far we have raised approx. £615 for the benefice this way – well worth it! www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice

These and many more.....

Thank you for signing up!



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).

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	2pm - 4pm,	Wingfield	Thursday	2.30pm - 5pm

Athelington Church is open on request.

Hoxne Benefice News

will be posted on church notice boards and left in churches.

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

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter.	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist.	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
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.	Rev'd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham Hoxne
Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield



November 2020 News REVISED

From the Priest-in-Charge

First of all, thank you very much for the many kind messages of support following my licensing by Bishop Mike on 4th October as SSM interim Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham, Wingfield. Thank you too for the beautiful flowers – some of them still beautiful as I write this.

I will be setting up a Benefice Advisory Committee to help steer our future plans for mission and ministry. If you feel this is something to which you could contribute, please let me know. With so much now happening online, we also need a social media strategy group for the benefice. If you have skills in this area, we would love to hear from you!

At the diocesan synod in October, it was reported that our diocese is facing a £1.3 million shortfall because of the drop in parish income caused by Covid-19 conditions. Unless this gap can be made up it will mean a further reduction in the number of paid clergy in Suffolk. As Bishop Martin said, if parishes have been saving for a rainy day, this is the rainy day. If you find that you are spending less because of Covid-19 and have spare cash, do please consider making a special donation to the church.

Finally, the Hoxne and Hartismere deaneries voted at a special meeting on 21st October in favour of a proposal to merge. This was not a decision-making meeting, but the vote will go forward to the Suffolk Archdeaconry Ministry and Pastoral Committee for their consideration. There will then be formal consultation with PCCs before any action is taken. There is lots going on! Stay safe and well. God bless.

Revd Eleanor Goodison

Revd Eleanor 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:

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

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

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

Due to the new lockdown and Government restrictions, we have had to cancel services in church for the moment. We hope to be back at the beginning of December. Watch this space!

Revised services November 2020

All services will be live streamed via facebook.com/WingfieldChurch unless stated otherwise.

Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday

8am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Communion
10.50am Act of Remembrance

Sunday 15th Second Sunday before Advent

8am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion
10am Village Praise via Zoom.
For an invitation, please contact Mary on mary.lewis43@icloud.com

Sunday 22nd Christ the King

8am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 29th Advent Sunday

8am Morning Prayer
9.30am Benefice Holy Communion
4pm Advent Service, Athelington.
Live streamed via facebook.com/athelingtonchurch

Our new
Priest-in-Charge,
Revd Eleanor Goodison,
(centre), on the day
of her licensing,
Sunday 4th October,
at St Andrew's Wingfield,
with Bishop Mike and
Revd Canon
Susan Loxton



Remembrance Sunday

Poppies are not being sold door to door this year but you should be able to find them in local shops and pubs.

Study Group

Bishop Mike will be leading four Advent sessions on Zoom on Tuesday evenings in December on the last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. Details were in the diocesan e-news for 1st October. Since these are likely to be large sessions, we will be holding our own follow-up discussions in the benefice on Wednesday afternoons during Advent, also via Zoom. Please contact Revd Eleanor for an invitation. Note that you need to pre-book for Bishop Mike's sessions - if you do not have the e-news, please ask Revd Eleanor for details.

Are you suffering financial hardship because of Covid-19?

If you are out of work or otherwise suffering financial hardship because of Covid-19, there are special funds available to help out. For more information, please apply in strictest confidence to Revd Eleanor.

Feeling lonely or low?

Many of us find this time of year makes us feel low and Covid-19 restrictions don't help. If you would like to talk, please just get in touch.

The Mothers' Union shop at i-Chameleon, Halesworth raised over £1200 in October. Thank you to everyone who donated items or visited the shop.

Prayer

We pray together regularly on Zoom at 8am on Mondays, Celtic morning prayer (with breakfast) and at 6pm on Fridays (compline). If you would like to join us or you have any prayer requests, please contact Revd Eleanor.

Virtual Christmas Market

We can't hold our usual Christmas fundraising events safely this year, so we are planning a virtual Christmas Market. Look out for our catalogue (*which we will email to those on the benefice news email list*) of home-made eatables, crafts and gifts to order and pick up at your convenience. It will all come together with a Zoom event at 11am on Saturday 12th December with festive cheer, a quiz and, who knows, maybe a visit from Father Christmas!

Hoxne Village Calendar for 2021 (£6 inc envelope) from the village shop.

Christmas cards, available now to order: Wingfield Church in snow

(£5 for 10 cards with envelopes)

Christmas tree at Athelington Church
(£5 for 4 for cards)

If you would like to order cards, please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com and we will send on the orders.

Christmas cards in aid of the Hoxne Bell Restoration Fund Packs of 8 with envelopes, each pack 2 each of 4 different designs, £5, all profits to the Bell Fund. The cards feature pictures and information about the bells and are available in the Hoxne shop from 31st October or people can contact Clare Whiting on 01379 669111 and she can arrange collection or drop off if local.

Hoxne Christmas tree display

From 20th to 25th December in the church. Please see the next benefice news for more details.

