| Oct 2023 | Sunday 1st Trinity 17 | Sunday 8th Trinity 18 | Sunday 15th Trinity 19 | Sunday 22nd Trinity 20 | Sunday 29th Bible Sunday Last after Trinity |
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| Athelington | 9.30am EG Harvest Festival | | | | |
| Denham | | | 11am EG CW Holy Communion | | 11am EG Benefice Holy Communion |
| Horham | | | 11.15am JM Harvest Festival | | |
| Hoxne | 9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion | 9.30am JM for 10am Café Church | 9.30am EG CW Holy Communion | 11am EG CW Holy Communion | 4pm EG All Age Service |
| Redlingfield | | 9.30am EG CW Holy Communion | | | |
| Syleham | 4pm Messy Church at Syleham/ Wingfield village hall ML+team | 10am ML Harvest Festival | 10am ML Village Service | 9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion | |
| Wingfield | 11am JM CW Holy Comm for Harvest | | 6pm JM BCP Evensong | | |

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.

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Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham Hoxne Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield

October 2023 News



Autumn thoughts

As October begins, we are still very much in the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. The temperature remains comfortable and we continue to enjoy fruits and vegetables from the garden. We are still celebrating Harvest in our churches: Athelington and Wingfield have Harvest Festivals on Sunday 1st October, Syleham on Sunday 8th and Horham on Sunday 15th (see the back page for full details). But the leaves are turning increasingly brown and as we go through October, melancholy thoughts may occur to us as the evenings draw in and the temperature falls.

The church's year recognises this natural tendency. At the end of October we will celebrate the last Sunday after Trinity at our benefice service at Denham on Sunday 29th. After that, we take the opportunity to remember those who have gone before us: the saints and all we have loved and lost. Our annual service of Memorial and Thanksgiving is at 4pm on Saturday 4th November at Hoxne church. Everyone is welcome to come along to remember loved ones whether they have died recently or a long time ago.

This year our churches have lost a number of longstanding and well-loved members and in recent weeks three more: Jean Chapman, formerly of Hoxne, who ran the Post Office with John for many years and was a lynchpin of village life; Michael Reeves of Denham, who with Margaret did so much to organise the repair and restoration of Denham church; and Violet Allum of Horham, who quietly served the church and arranged beautiful flowers for many years. All three will be very much missed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **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: Revd Eleanor: 07876 143579 eleanor.goodison@gmail.com Revd John: 07876 507288 vj.mccracken@gmail.com Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com Benefice Administrator: Virginia Skoyles, hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com. Please email to go on our email list for this newsletter and other benefice news.

September 2023

Sunday 1st

Harvest Festival at Athelington, 9.30 am. (This will be a non-Eucharistic service). Refreshments afterwards.

Also Harvest Holy Communion, 11am Wingfield, Refreshments afterwards.

Also

Messy Church is back in Syleham Village Hall this month at 4pm as usual. We will be looking at the parable of the lost coin, with lots of coin-related crafts and, of course, a scrummy tea. Designed specially for children, 3-7 with their parents or carers, but all are welcome to join in.

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee and Cake: this month takes the form of a Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising funds for the vital work of Macmillan Cancer Support in helping people living with cancer. Please come along to support this important cause. 10 to 11.30am at Syleham Village Hall.

Also

Little Lambs meets at Hoxne pavilion at our new time of 12.30 to 2.30pm, for children aged 0-3 and their carers. Bring your sandwiches and we can eat together.

Wednesday 4th

The Rural Coffee Caravan will be in Redlingfield on the village triangle, 10am to 12 noon for the last time this year.

Sunday 8th

Harvest Festival at Syleham (non-Eucharistic). NB: this service is an addition to Syleham's usual pattern of Sunday services.

Tuesday 24th October at Hoxne Village Hall, starts 7pm

Practical Ways to Help Your Church Build a Generous Culture

Join the Parish Resources Team (Julie Podd & Emma Denton) from the diocese, to find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme, contactless donation devices, online giving with QR codes, and grants and funding. We will share details from the Anglican Giving Survey about why people give (and don't give) and suggest ways to encourage giving from both your congregation and wider community. 7pm start (arrive at 6.30pm for tea/ coffee) at Hoxne Village Hall. For clergy, church wardens, treasurers, other PCC members and anyone else interested! Please car share where possible. To book, contact: Rachel Ball. email: rachelball3@icloud.com or tel: 07876 352796.

Sunday 15th

Harvest Festival at Horham (non-Eucharistic). Followed by bring and share lunch at the Old School.

Monday 16th, Tuesday 31st

The Depperhaugh We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at 2.30pm. Additional singers are always welcome.

Tuesday 17th

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

Wednesday 18th Deanery synod meets at the Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield at 7pm. There will be a presentation on the Anna Chaplaincy for older people. All welcome – you do not need to be an elected synod representative.

Saturday 21st Hoxne Church Coffee Morning and book sale, 9.45 to 11.15am in church. All welcome.

Monday 23rd

Save this date for our next **Club Create** session for children aged 7-12. Details to be confirmed – if you would like to be kept in touch, just let Revd Eleanor know.

Wednesday 25th

The **Book Club** meets at 6pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield to discuss *Persuasion* by Jane Austen. Everyone welcome – we are very informal and everyone gets a chance to contribute. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November.

Tuesday 31st

Our **Bible Study** group meets on Zoom at 7.30pm. We will be continuing with our theme of 'Salvation'.

Looking ahead

Saturday 4th November

Our annual service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for those we have lost will be at 4pm at Hoxne church. Please let Revd Eleanor have the names of any loved ones you would like to be commemorated.

Keep in touch!

Check out our facebook pages: facebook.com/WingfieldChurch or facebook.com/athelingtonchurch 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, especially with Christmas coming...giving the benefice a percentage of everything you spend at no cost to you. So far, we have raised almost £1000 for the benefice this way – We would love you to sign up 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 - more food always required please. If you can, please make extra donations either at Hoxne church or when you do your supermarket shop. Tinned and dry foods along with jams (not home-made) and pasta sauces always welcome or you may donate money online.