

Feb 2025	Sunday 2nd Presentation of Christ. Candlemas	Sunday 9th 4 before Lent	Sunday 16th 3 before Lent	Sunday 23rd 2 before Lent
Athelington	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion			
Denham				11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion	9.30 EG for 10am Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	11am JM CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm ML+team Messy Church Syleham/ Wingfield village hall		10am ML Village Service	9.3am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am JM CW Holy Communion		6pm JM Evensong	

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

Online Services

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

Athelington: St Peter	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
Hoxne: 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	Peter Demetriadi 01379 586231



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

January / February 2025



Just one thing Happy New Year! Time for New Year resolutions, perhaps. A time when we might repent of the sins which held us back in 2024 and resolve to amend our lives. Far be it from me to discourage anyone from that! But we are backsliders by nature and at great risk of making over-ambitious resolutions which we cannot maintain and so giving up altogether. We may do better if we pick just one thing that we aim to do differently in 2025. There's probably a greater chance of success, for example, if we decide to visit our elderly neighbour once a week, rather than resolving to be generally kinder to others.

In our church life, our one new thing this year will be our new Eco-All Age service at 4pm on the last Sunday of the month. We'll be making use of the resources of our churchyard at Hoxne to learn more about caring for our environment and focusing our worship on God's creation. Why not come along and take part? As it says on the tin, it is for all ages and will embrace both activity and contemplation, so all can engage with it.

This is the coldest part of the year, so do keep warm and keep an eye out for anyone who may be struggling. Our churches may be hard to heat, but our coffee mornings always offer a warm welcome, a hot drink and a chance to chat and ask for help if needed. I hope to see you soon. **Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison**

Please note that Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be away from Thurs 9th to Mon 13th January.

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

January / February 2025

Wednesdays 1st Jan / 5th Feb

There will be no winter coffee morning at Redlingfield on 1st Jan but on Weds 5th Feb you will be welcome at Rush Meadow, Woodlane Road, IP23 7QY, 10am -12noon.

Fridays 3rd, 17th, 31st Jan / 14th, 28th Feb

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

Sundays 5th Jan / 2nd Feb

Messy Church meets at 4pm in Syleham church in January for our **Messy Christingle** service for Epiphany. Scrummy tea, as ever! Designed for children aged 3-7 with parents or carers and siblings, but all welcome to participate. In February we will be back in Syleham village hall as usual.

Tuesdays 7th Jan / 4th Feb

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.

Tuesdays 7th Jan / 4th Feb and

Wednesdays 22nd Jan / 19th Feb

Little Lambs will meet from 12.30 to 2.30pm on the Tuesdays and from 9.30 to 11.30am on the Wednesdays at Hoxne pavilion. Craft activities and socialising for children aged 0-3 and their carers.

Wednesdays 15th Jan / 12th Feb

The **Book Club** will meet at the Swan Inn in Hoxne at 5pm. The book for January will be *Busman's Honeymoon* by Dorothy L Sayers and for February it will be *Mrs Bridge* by Evan S Connell.

Saturdays 18th Jan / 15th Feb

Please note there will be **no** Hoxne church coffee morning in January or February.

Tuesdays 21st Jan / 18th Feb

Wingfield winter coffee morning at Wingfield Barns. 10am to 12 noon. Everybody welcome for coffee, cake and chat.

Tuesdays 21st Jan / 18th Feb

Our **Bible Study Group** meets at 7.30pm on Zoom. We will be returning to our study of the Book of Acts. Contact Revd Eleanor for the Zoom link if you would like to join in.

Fridays 24th Jan / 28th Feb

The **Youth Café** meets from 7 to 9pm at Hoxne pavilion. Games, activities, cooking and eating for everyone in school years 7-11. Tell your friends!

Sunday 26th Jan

Our new **Eco-All Age service** launches at 4pm. Come and explore the churchyard at Hoxne and learn about the wildlife that lives in it, before hymns and prayers in the church.

Mondays 27th Jan / 18th Feb

Mothers' Union meeting, 2.30pm at Time House.

Christmas card appeal. The MU members in Suffolk repurpose Christmas cards which are sent to Highpoint and other prisons in our area to be given to the prisoners. In addition they are able to send cards to their families. Please don't throw your unwanted cards away but donate them to us – our 2025 target is 2,000 cards. They can be left in Hoxne church with a label or in any other benefice church. Let Cathie McGregor know and she will collect them. Tel 01379 668434.

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[facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](#)
[facebook.com/HoxneMC](#)

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Waveney Foodbank 07484 394749.

Please don't forget to donate food (in Hoxne church or your supermarket) or go to the website to donate online. Non-perishable goods always required.

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