

March 2025	Sunday 2nd Sunday before Lent	Sunday 9th Lent 1	Sunday 16th Lent 2	Sunday 23rd Lent 3	Sunday 30th Lent 4
Athelington	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion				
Denham				11am JM CW Holy Communion	
Horham			11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion		
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30 JM for 10am Café Church	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	11am EG CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age Service	
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion			
Syleham	4pm ML+team Messy Church Syleham/ Wingfield village hall		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	11am EG Benefice Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong		

**Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday, 7pm, CW Holy Communion and ashing, Denham**  
**Friday 7th March, World Day of Prayer, 10.30am, refreshments from 10am**

**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](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com)

Some church services also live streamed/uploaded to [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch).

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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



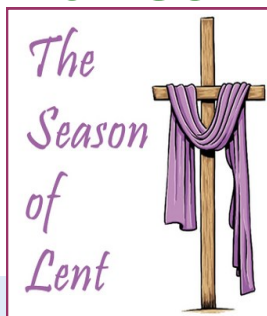
# Hoxne Benefice Churches

**Athelington Denham Horham**

**Hoxne Redlingfield**

**Syleham Wingfield**

**March 2025**



### The moment to wake from sleep

"It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep" says St Paul in the letter to the Romans. The days are getting longer and spring really is on the way. It's a time of renewal for nature and we can make it a time of renewal for ourselves as well, through the discipline of Lent, looking forward to the resurrection of our Lord at Easter. We will be preparing for Lent with a Quiet Afternoon at Hoxne on Saturday 1st March and starting things off with a benefice service of Holy Communion with ashing at Denham on Ash Wednesday (5th March) – everyone is of course very welcome at both of these. During Lent we will also be holding a special Lent Study Group, replacing our usual Bible Study and meeting on Tuesdays 18th and 25th March, and 1st April. More details in this newsletter.

It's a time of change in the Church of England nationally as a new Archbishop of Canterbury is sought and also here in Suffolk as Bishop Martin has now retired. We pray for him as he begins a new phase of his ministry. Bishop Graeme Knowles will be our acting bishop until a new diocesan bishop is appointed – being commissioned on Sunday 2nd March at a special service in the cathedral. Meanwhile we look forward with hopefulness to the new things which God will bring forth.

One way we renew ourselves is by growing younger, not individually perhaps, but as a church family, through our activities for children and young people. We are currently looking for new volunteers to help with these, and for a part-time paid youth worker. If you or anyone you know would be interested in getting involved, please get in touch.

### Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

**Please note that Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be taking a short break 26th to 28th March.**

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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Revd Richard: [rev.richard.court@icloud.com](mailto:rev.richard.court@icloud.com)

## March 2025

### Saturday 1st

We will be holding a **Quiet Afternoon** from 2 to 4.30pm in the St Edmund Chapel at Hoxne church. Come along for readings, prayer and silence in preparation for Lent.

### Sunday 2nd

**Messy Church** is back to its usual Sunday and will be meeting at 4pm at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall as usual. Designed for children aged 3 - 7 with parents or carers and siblings but all are welcome.

### Tuesday 4th

**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.

### Also Tuesday 4th

It's Shrove Tuesday and that means the now traditional **pancakes** at Wingfield Barns 10am to 12 noon. Come along and enjoy!

### Also Tuesday 4th

**Little Lambs** meet from 12.30 to 2.30pm at Hoxne pavilion. Craft activities and socialising for children aged 0 - 4 and their carers. Bring your sandwiches!

**Wednesday 5th Redlingfield winter coffee morning** will be held at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, IP23 7QU between 10am and 12 noon. Everybody very welcome.

### Wednesday 5th

**Ash Wednesday** with a special service of Common Worship Holy Communion with ashing at 7pm at Denham church.

**Friday 7th** is the **World Day of Prayer** with a special service prepared by the

women of the Cook Islands, 10.30am, Hoxne church. Come at 10am for coffee and cake and an opportunity to catch up with others.

### Wednesday 12th

Our **book group** will meet at 5pm at the Swan in Hoxne to talk about *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin. All are welcome – contact Revd Eleanor for further details.

### Friday 14th and 28th

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

### Monday 17th

The **Mother's Union Fellowship Group** will meet at 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne.

### Tuesday 18th

The **Wingfield winter coffee morning** will be open to all from 10am to 12 noon. For **pancakes**, see Tuesday 4th March.



### Tuesdays 18th and 25th March Tuesday 1st April

We will be holding a special **Lent Study Group** based on the book *The Meaning in the Miracles* by Jeffrey John. 7.30pm on Tuesdays at Catelins House, Church Road, Wingfield, IP21 5QZ. All welcome – you do not need to have read the book. Please note our Bible Study of the book of Acts will be suspended until after Easter.

### Wednesday 19th

**Little Lambs** meet from 9.30 to 11.30am at Hoxne pavilion. Craft activities and socialising for children aged 0 - 4 and their carers.

### Also Wednesday 19th

**Deanery synod** 7pm at the Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield. The speaker will be Jane Sheat, Diocesan Director of Education. All welcome to come along – you do not have to be an elected synod representative.

### Monday 24th

The **Benefice Advisory Committee** will meet on Zoom at 7.30pm. If you would like to know more about the committee's work, get in touch with Revd Eleanor.

### Friday 28th

The **Youth Café** will meet from 7 to 9pm at Hoxne pavilion. Open to all in school years 7-11 (high school age). Tell your friends and follow us on Instagram @hoxneyouth.

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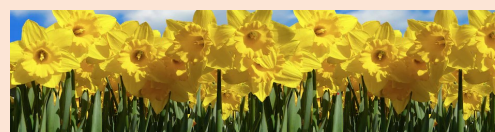
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### Waveney Foodbank 07484 394749

Please don't forget to donate food (in Hoxne church or your supermarket) or go to the website to donate online. **Stocks are low at the moment and all non-perishable items are urgently required.**

Visit the website:

<https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk>



### Advance notices for your diary

**Easter Day is Sunday 20th April. We will have a full programme of services for Holy Week and Easter - details in April's newsletter.**

**Monday 12th May** Philippa Langley MBE, who was instrumental in identifying the resting-place of Richard III's body in a car park in Leicester, will be giving a talk in Wingfield church. Wingfield is where Richard III's sister, Elizabeth of York, is buried. 7pm with drinks and nibbles after the talk. Suggested donation of £10 per person. This is a rare opportunity to hear about Philippa's work - do come along!

**Friday 16th May** Quiz Night, 7.30pm for 8pm start at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Proceeds to St Andrew's Wingfield.

**Sat 31st May /Sun 1st June**  
Wingfield Open Gardens 2025.

### Take another look at easyfundraising

Churches of the Hoxne Benefice are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up. **We have raised £1100 since we started this scheme.**

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