

May 2025	Sunday 4th Easter 4	Sunday 11th Easter 4	Sunday 18th Easter 5	Sunday 25th Easter 6
Athelington	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion			
Denham				11am EG Service of the Word with Holy Baptism
Horham		11am EG 95th Bomb Group reunion service	11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30 BI for 10am Café Church	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	11am JM CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm Team Messy Church Syleham churchyard		9.30am EG Village Service	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong	

On the rotas.... EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court BI - Barbara Irwin

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

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Syleham: St Margaret	Mary Lewis 01379 669258, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield

May 2025

The merry month of May

May is always a cheerful month and this year, because of the way the dates have fallen, our churches will be continuing to celebrate the joy of Easter throughout May. Indeed, a previous Pope, John Paul II, emphasised that Easter is not just a season but a way of life in an address in Australia in November 1986:

"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal mystery - the mystery of his death and resurrection. 'We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!' We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the fundamental duty of love of neighbour, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of joy."

Nature too seems to be rejoicing, with plants and flowers burgeoning and a sense of summer on the way. Our churchyards are full of a variety of both plants and animals. During May we will have several events celebrating this richness, including a plant survey in Syleham churchyard and a Messy Church nature trail, in addition to our regular Eco-All Age service at Hoxne. We give thanks for all those who help to maintain our churchyards, both volunteers across the benefice and the Community Payback Scheme participants at Hoxne.

And if indoor activities are your thing, don't miss a great evening for history buffs on Monday 12th May at 7pm at Wingfield church. Philippa Langley, whose research led to the discovery of the body of Richard III underneath the car park in Leicester, will be coming to speak. No need to book – just come along on the night. £10 suggested donation.

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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May 2025

Saturday 3rd May

Syleham churchyard plant survey: a survey of the flora in Syleham churchyard will be carried out by an experienced botanist from 10am to 12 noon. Anyone interested will be very welcome to come along.

Sunday 4th

Messy Church meets in **Syleham churchyard** at 4pm for nature activities, followed by a scrummy picnic tea. Designed for children aged 3-7 with parents or carers and siblings but all are welcome.

Note different venue this month.

Tuesday 6th

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.

Tuesday 6th

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!

Tuesday 6th

Our Lent Study Group returns as an **Easter-tide Study Group** for a final session based on the book *The Meaning in the Miracles* by Jeffrey John. 7.30pm at Catelins House, Church Road, Wingfield, IP21 5QZ. All welcome – you do not need to have attended during Lent or read the book.

Wednesday 7th

The **Rural Coffee Caravan** is back at the village triangle, Redlingfield from 10am to 12 noon. Come along for coffee, tea and chat.



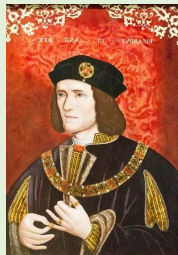
Saturday 10th Vocations Fair at St

Edmundsbury Cathedral from 1.30 to 3pm. Are you ready to take on a new role in the church? Not sure what you are being called to do? The diocese is running a Vocations Fair with many stalls representing ministries as varied as lay elders, PCC officers, children's and family work, ordained ministry, school foundation governors and more. Go along for an informal chat to find the right ministry for you.

Sunday 11th There will be a special **95th Bomb Group Association Reunion** service, 11am at Horham church.

Monday 12th

Talk by Philippa Langley MBE on Richard III and the Princes in the Tower at Wingfield church at 7pm. No need to book, just come along on the night. £10 per person suggested donation, to include drinks and nibbles after the talk.



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

Saturday 17th

Coffee morning and book sale at Hoxne church, 9.45 to 11.15am. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 20th

The **Rural Coffee Caravan** at Wingfield Barns from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome for coffee, tea and chat.

Wednesday 21st

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

Wednesday 21st

The **Book Club** will meet at the Hoxne Swan at 5pm to discuss *Scoop* by Evelyn Waugh. All welcome – contact Revd Eleanor for more details.

Friday 23rd

Hymns and prayers at **The Depperhaugh** at 2.30pm. Additional singers always welcome.

Friday 23rd The **Youth Café** will meet at Hoxne pavilion from 7 to 9pm. Open to all in school years 7-11 (high school age). Tell your friends and follow us on Instagram @hoxneyouth.

Tuesday 27th Club Create will meet for a cookery/baking session. For children aged 7-12. Details from Revd Eleanor.

Sat 31st May to Sun 1st June

Wingfield Open Gardens is back, with eleven gardens open, including that of Wingfield College. 11am to 4pm each day. £6 per person, under 16s free if accompanied by an adult. Tickets/guides from Wingfield Barns. Plant stalls, instant raffle, refreshments, cakes, light lunches. Free car park and toilets at Wingfield Barns. Proceeds in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice and St Andrew's, Wingfield.

Looking ahead

Saturday 7th June

Hoxne church Summer Fair from 2pm at the church. Stalls, activities and games for all the family, plus delicious refreshments.

Friday/Saturday 13th/14th June

Leading Your Church Into Growth

(LyCiG) is a free two-day conference (held in Debenham). Its aims are to inspire and

give us teaching resources so that we can share LyCiG with others in our churches; and enable us to take forward our plan for growth. A small team will be attending from the Hoxne benefice - if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Revd Eleanor as soon as possible.

Annual Meetings

This is the time of year when we hold our Annual Meetings. Make sure you are on the new electoral roll for your parish (see poster in your church for details). Then do go along to your local church to vote for churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council and to hear about activities in 2024 and plans for 2025. Dates for Annual Meetings are:

Sat 26th April at 2pm, Wingfield.

Sun 27th April at 12 noon (after the service) at Denham.

Tues 29th April at 7.30pm, Horham (in the Old School).

Weds 14th May at 7.30pm, Redlingfield.

Sat 17th May at 6pm, Hoxne.

Sun 18th May at 10.45 am (after the service) Syleham.

Mon 20th May at 7pm, Athelington.

Waveney Foodbank 07484 394749

Please donate food (in Hoxne church or your supermarket) or visit the website to donate online.

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

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