

Hoxne Benefice Churches

**Athelington Denham Horham
Hoxne Redlingfield
Syleham Wingfield
October 2024**



Autumn is the season of the soul

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche apparently said “I notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature”. Perhaps it is both - there is the richness of the earth’s produce to give thanks for, followed by a certain, not unpleasant, melancholy as the days shorten and the leaves start to fall. October brings a sense of completion and celebration as we hold the last of our Harvest Festivals on Sunday 6th October - 9.30am at Athelington, 11am at Wingfield and 4pm for Messy Harvest at Syleham church. (Note that the Harvest service at Horham was brought forward to September because of rescheduled decoration works in the church this month). The Wingfield Harvest Supper is on Saturday 26th October in the village hall – details inside this newsletter.

As we move into November, the sense of completion is expressed in remembering the lives of those we have lost. This year All Souls’ Day falls on a Saturday and so we can hold our service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for loved ones on the day itself (4pm on Saturday 2nd November at Hoxne church).

Let’s bear Nietzsche’s words in mind as we progress through autumn and attend to our souls. Enjoy the beauty of the autumn colours and cosy evenings by the fire but also use the reminders of our mortality which autumn brings to amend our lives and make the most of the time we have. **Revd Eleanor**

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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Oct 2024	Sunday 6th Trinity 19	Sunday 13th Trinity 20	Sunday 20th Trinity 21	Sunday 27th Trinity Last
Athelington	9.30am JM Harvest Festival			
Denham				11am JM CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30 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 ML+team Messy Harvest		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG Harvest Communion		6pm JM BCP Evensong	

Online **Every Friday**: Compline on Zoom at 6pm.

For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
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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 07775 732259, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew	John McCracken 07876 507288

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Tuesday 1st

Macmillan Coffee Morning. The regular drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham becomes a Macmillan Coffee Morning this month, 10 to 11.30am as usual. Please come and support this event organised in memory of Mary and Gerald Lewis's daughter Rebecca.

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 16th

Little Lambs will meet at the Hoxne Pavilion from 12.30 to 2.30pm on 1st October. For children aged 0 - 3 and their carers. Bring your sandwiches! And check out our new additional morning meeting from 9.30 to 11.30am on Wednesday 16th.

Tuesday 1st

Our **Bible Study Group** is on Zoom at 7.30pm. We will be continuing our study of passages from the Book of Acts. Contact Revd Eleanor if you would like to join in. Very informal, no preparation required.

Wednesday 2nd

The **Coffee Caravan** will be in Redlingfield on the village triangle from 10am to 12 noon for the last time this year. All welcome.

Fridays 4th and 18th

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

Sunday 6th

Athelington church holds its **Harvest Festival** at 9.30am (a non-Eucharistic service) and **Wingfield** church has a **Harvest Communion** at 11am. If you can, please bring a contribution for the Foodbank.

Sunday 6th

We celebrate **Messy Harvest in Syleham church** at 4pm. Children aged 3-7, their parents, siblings and carers, are all welcome. Please bring a tin or some dried food for the Foodbank if you can.

Sunday 13th

There will be a special service celebrating Elder ministry at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds at 3.30pm. All Elders and their families and friends are invited. The service will be a joint one with the Diocesan Choral Festival Service. To register, click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-choral-festival-tickets-1007447200697>.

Tuesday 15th

The **Coffee Caravan** will be at Wingfield Barns from 10am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Wednesday 16th

The **Book Club** will meet at 5pm as usual to discuss *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier. We will be relocating to the back room at the Swan at Hoxne.

Wednesday 16th

Deanery synod meets at Burgate church hall at 7pm. The speaker will be Revd Sharon Connell, Chaplain of the St Nicholas hospice. Everyone is welcome to attend – you do not need to be an elected synod representative.

Saturday 19th

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning and book sale. 9.45 to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Sunday 20th

The service at Horham may have to be relocated because of the redecorations going on throughout the month. Look out for posters with further details.

Monday 21st

The **Mothers' Union Fellowship Group** meets at Time House in Hoxne at 2.30pm.

Friday 25th

The **Youth Café** is open 7 to 9pm at Hoxne pavilion for everyone in school years 7 - 11 (ages 12 - 16). Games, crafts, food and hanging out with your friends.

Saturday 26th

The **Wingfield Harvest Supper** will be held at 6.30pm at the Village Hall. A three course meal with a glass of wine for £20. The bar will also be open and there will be the usual fun activities. Contact Jacky Taylor on taylor5re@btinternet.com or 07846 365818 to book, by the end of Sept.

Thursday 31st

Club Create for 7-12 year olds will meet between 2 and 5pm. Put it in your diary now! Further details will be circulated, but if you don't get them, please contact Revd Eleanor for an update.

Looking ahead

Saturday 2nd 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.



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Waveney Foodbank 07484 394749.

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