



**Benefice of Bildeston w Wattisham, Lindsey, Whatfield and Semer,
Nedging and Naughton.**



BENEFICE CHURCH NEWSLETTER
FROM THE RECTORY, BY REVD ELKE CATTERMOLE
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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"God will fully supply your every need according to his glorious riches in Jesus the Messiah".

Philippians 4:19

What an unprecedented year, I came here one year ago in September 2019 and was welcomed by you and licensed by Bishop Mike as your 'Priest in Charge' for this Benefice. This Wednesday, 23 September 2020 I will be Inducted and Installed as your Rector. Many events across the Benefice that was planned for the year were curbed, because of the 'Pandemic'. Yet many of you worked so hard behind the scenes to support your local communities especially throughout the lockdown.

I want to take this opportunity to say, **'Thank You'**, to everyone who has supported their communities and me during my first year with you; especially the churchwardens, PCC members, Ministry Team and those in the local community.

It has not been an easy year for any one and we have all had to readjust in many ways.

What has been amazing this past year is that there has been a sense that God has fully supplied our needs, when times are difficult. We do not know what the next few weeks, months and year will be like for us. Be assured that God walks besides us and will supply our every need in ways we cannot imagine.

Unfortunately, because of the COVID 19 government restrictions to keep us all safe the service on Wednesday evening at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston is limited to thirty people.

We will live stream the service so please watch the service if you are able.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCguFO_SPSJdtd7cBsgOBd9g

Today's benefice Sunday' Services will take place at St Mary's Church, Nedging at 11am. This service will be 'Live Streaming' through You Tube, see link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCguFO_SPSJdtd7cBsgOBd9g

Next week on Sunday 27th September Bildeston Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston commencing at 11am

As from **Saturday 8 August 2020 face covering must be worn by members of the congregation at all church services.** Those leading and reading may at times not be wearing a face covering, we will be continuing to follow the government guidance on social distancing (2 metre rule), hand hygiene and other appropriate guidance on meeting for public worship. Unfortunately, no singing is permitted at present. **"All are welcome"**, remember to consider carefully though if you are in the clinically extreme category whether it is advisable for you to attend a service at present.

Forthcoming Events

Harvest Thanksgiving Services



From the end of September and throughout October, our churches will be having their Harvest Thanksgiving services. Unfortunately, this year we will have to curb the number of people attending, as only thirty can attend by law. Each church will have a designated person to contact if you wish to

attend. Please see attached with the email, service details for October, the information will also be outside every church and on each 'Church Near You', website.

All churches in this benefice are open for **private prayer**, the day and times are on their Church Near You.

We will continue with our **Benefice Prayer Meetings on Tuesdays at 11am** via Zoom. All are welcome to join us, please see link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77278907806?pwd=L0M4NEhIQ2M1WDBROEY0TURFdEE1UT09>

As we pray in our homes and churches, please pray for the following:

- We pray for this Sunday's Holy Communion Service, taking place at St Mary's Church, Nedging, we pray for all who can attend as well as those watching from home.
- In our cycle of prayer for our benefice we pray today for our community of Nedging, for our churchwarden Jill Taylor, especially remembering in our prayers the family of our recently deceased churchwarden Mrs Gill Buckle, For the PCC and all those who work and support St Mary's Church, Nedging.
- We continue to pray for the teachers, children from our schools as they settle back into a pattern of learning. For the recent interviews for a new Headteacher, we pray for the decision made and that all the children and those involved in the schools will grow in your faith.
- We continue to pray and assist all our village support groups.
- We pray for our farmers and thank them for sharing their harvest with us.
- We pray for all those who continue to have hospital treatment for a variety of reasons and may be fearful. For many who are known personally to us.
- Remember and pray for all those who are ill or bereaved in our villages.
- We pray for the Ministry Team here in this benefice, give us guidance and strength as we continue in our ministry.
- We pray for all our churches in this Benefice, Deanery, Diocese, and wider church, as we begin to re-establish in the coming months how we worship together.



Prayers and Readings for Today

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love; grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever?

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings for This Sunday:

First Reading

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1: 21 - 30

Gospel Reading

The Labourers in the Vineyard

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Matthew 20: 1 - 16.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
With your perpetual mercy;
And, because without you our human frailty
Cannot but fail,
Keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
And lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please continue to support our churches by donating or increasing your giving for the upkeep and ministry of your local church. Payments can be made to the different treasurers in each parish or through the Parish Giving Scheme by calling 0333 002 1271 and quoting your church.

Please contact Teresa Lester on 01449 744120 for more information and updates on Eco Church.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email, should you have any concerns, need support or just feeling lonely and want a chat. I am continuing to contact people in the benefice and community. Revd Elke Cattermole revdelkecattermole@gmail.com 01449 403698 or 0795419055

God Bless you all,

Revd Elke