



BRETT VALLEY BENEFICE

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
SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021



There have been many debates about the original identity of the Suffering Servant in the book of Isaiah. Whoever Isaiah had in mind; the passages certainly remind Christian readers strongly of the mission of Jesus hundreds of years later. The 'Servant Song' in Isaiah foreshadows in a striking way the teaching of Jesus in the Gospel reading about his approaching death and resurrection. Like the Servant, Jesus is totally committed to the will of God, and ready to lay down his life. Like the Servant, Jesus undergoes punishment and humiliation for God's sake. Like the Servant, Jesus presses on determinedly in God's strength, despite violence opposition. And like the Servant, Jesus knows that God will vindicate him so that his accusers' apparent triumph will be an illusion. The words of the 'Servant Song' are not only background to the ordeal of Jesus. They are also a sobering yet deeply encouraging reflection on what it means for anyone to dedicate one's life to the will of God, taking up one's cross. The risk of persecution, graphically described by both Isaiah and Jesus, is real; but so is the promise of vindication and deliverance by a powerful and loving God.

This Sunday the services are held at;

St Margaret's Church, Whatfield – Holy Communion – 11am
 St Mary's Church, Naughton – Morning Prayer – 11am

The services on Sunday 19th September are as follows.

St Mary's Church, Nedging – Holy Communion – 11am
 St Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston – Evening Prayer – 3pm

The Brett Valley Benefice invite you to a **Service of Reflection and Remembrance on Sunday 31st October 2021 at 3pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston.**

Take time to reflect and a moment to connect.

Invitations will be placed in the churches prior to you attending so that names of your loved ones can be placed on the invite and be read out at the service.

The Rota for the Service throughout September and October are at the end of the Newsletter.

A big Thank You to all those who participated and contributed to the Suffolk Ride & Stride' yesterday.



We will be having an online prayer meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 10.30am.** please note the change of time for next week. See link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994956202?pwd=cHVGU2lzWDJoZnBtckdpWVdMYmJQUT09>

Please continue to pray in your homes, for the following:

- We pray for our services across the benefice each Sunday and pray that people will want to return and worship together even in a new way.
- In our cycle of prayer for our benefice we pray today for St Peter's Church, Lindsey our churchwarden Frank Taylor the local community of Lindsey and all who support St Peters.
- We pray for the continual care we give to each other in whatever way, in our different communities and villages.
- We pray for our two local schools at Bildeston and Whatfield for the Head teacher Julia Shaw, and her team, the children, and their families.
- We pray for the young people who are preparing to start at College or University and those who are returning to their studies. Be with them dear Lord as they adjust to a new way of life and responsibility.
- We pray for all those who have moved into our villages in the last year, and we give thanks for them and look forward to getting to know them.
- We pray for the children and their families who are preparing for Baptism this year, in September and October. We pray for other families to come forward and wish to become members of the church family whatever age they may be.
- We pray for couples who have married this year and those who are preparing for their weddings. We pray and thank you for their special days and their future lives together as a married couple.
- We pray for those who have lost loved ones and are having to readjust their lives.
- We pray for all our families and friends who we know are struggling in many ways.
- We pray for all those who continue to have hospital treatment or have had spells in hospital for a variety of reasons and may be fearful. For many who are known personally to us, and we are unable to mention their names here. We remember those in our community, John Chaplin, Shona Bendall, Dick Ransome, Andrew Oxford, and their families. We pray for your healing, hand upon them all.
- We continue to pray and assist our local support groups and our local foodbank at Bildeston and Hadleigh by gifts of money and goods.
- We pray for our different organists, who have previously played for us at our services, especially remembering, Nigel Alcock, Henry Gold and Jill Harbinson. We thank you for them as they return to play at our services.
- We pray for our environment, and pray for Teresa Lester, our Reader as she continues to develop further the ECO Church project within this benefice.
- We pray for the Ministry Team and pray that through the Holy Spirit that you will send others to join us for the sake of your Kingdom.
- We pray for all our churches in this Benefice, Deanery, Diocese, and wider church.
- We pray for, Bishops Martin and Mike, Archdeacon David, and our Rural Dean Jo.
- We pray for our Safeguarding leads in each of our parishes.
- We pray for our fellow Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania, we pray that we can support them through prayer and giving.

Sunday Service Prayers and Readings

Holy Communion

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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a
The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

The Lord GOD has given me
 the tongue of a teacher,
 that I may know how to sustain
 the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he wakens—
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backwards.
 I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
 It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

Gospel Reading – Mark 8: 27 - 38

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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**

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.**



Eco Church update – September 2021

We have now entered the season of 'Creationtide', September to the first Sunday in October, this gives us even more opportunity to become better stewards for our world. We held another service about the need to act and help tackle climate change, at All Saints, Semer, on the 5th September. With us all being much more aware of our changing climate by activists and scientists, we are called to act and make changes that can help. I encourage us all to think about how we spend our money and the effect that that can make on our environment. Traidcraft are promoting organic September, helping us to really consider what we buy, how it is produced and where it comes from.

We continue to pray for all those involved with the UN Conference, COP26, in November, being held in Glasgow, because the outcome will effect us all. Our prayers are powerful, influencing others for good and truly making a difference.

I continue to pray about how all the parishes can use their church land and if you have any ideas please let me know. At Bildeston we are planning to have a cycle rack outside the Church, with two large planters either side to secure it in place. These can then be planted with fruit, vegetables or wild flowers, with some bug hotels connected to them on their sunnyside.

The wild area we have set aside at Bildeston, Alice and I have begun to cut and clear away the long grasses to encourage more wildflowers to grow and I will be planting some native seeds where this is bare earth.

At Bildeston we held a Pet service in the church grounds, we only had two dogs, Jack and Bertie, but they had great fun. We hope to build on this for next year.

We have so much to be thankful for and there is much we can do to make our environment better for us all. Changing our spending habits for the good of the planet, so why not take up the challenge of having an organic month or plastic free month. Here are some of the benefits for going organic –

- You would be supporting biodiversity and wildlife, as organic farms have around 50% more bees, butterflies and other pollinators.
- You would be helping combat climate change.
- Organic farms have the highest standards of animal welfare.
- You would be helping reduce the exposure of pesticides in the environment.
- You would be eating food as it should be.

Whatever you do, I encourage you to do something that shows your love for our beautiful yet broken world, that is crying out for justice. God longs for us to join him in his mission to set things right. So, let God lead us, as we show the importance of how we live our lives by living the way Jesus shows us.

Blessings to you all,

Teresa Lester

Lay Reader for the Benefice

Any question please contact me on 01449 744120 or teresalester@gmail.com

Safeguarding

Each of our churches have a Safeguarding Lead, whose contact details are identified in the porch of each church. Please contact them if you have any concerns regarding those who are vulnerable, children, young adults, elderly, and those who are vulnerable due to their disability.

Or contact me:

Revd Elke Cattermole revdelkecattermole@gmail.com 01449 403698 or 07957 419055

Community Information

Please continue to support our local food bank in Bildeston.

Contact **Shaun Moffat**, Coordinator. Bildeston Coronavirus Support Group

email: bildestoncsg@gmail.com

Online Banking for Donations:

Sort Code: 52-30-31

Account Name: Bildeston Community Support

Reference Number: 49886479

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY INFORMATION FROM THE DIFFERENT VILLAGES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE MENTIONED HERE.

Church Contact

Please contact me to discuss Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and 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 07957 419055

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. I will be sending you further details shortly.

I wish you all every Blessing.

God Bless you all Revd Elke, Recto

Services in the Brett Valley Benefice

September 2021

Date 2021	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 19 th September	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Nedging
Benefice Evening Prayer	3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Bildeston
Sunday 26 th September	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Semer
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Nedging

Services in the Brett Valley Benefice
October 2021

Date 2021	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 3 rd October	11.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest & Baptism	Bildeston
	3pm	Harvest	Naughton
Sunday 10 th October	11.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest	Whatfield
Sunday 17 th October	11.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest	Semer
	3.00 pm	Harvest	Nedging
Sunday 24 th October	9.30	Holy Communion	Naughton
	11.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest	Lindsey
Sunday 31 st October	11.00am	Holy Communion Patronal Festival	Semer
	3pm	Service of Reflection and Remembrance	Bildeston