



**BRETT VALLEY BENEFICE
CHURCH NEWSLETTER
FROM THE RECTORY, BY REV'D ELKE CATTERMOLLE
THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021**



I remember many years ago seeing a poster outside a church asking the question, "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you.? In such a trial, perhaps the most telling question would be, "How has being a Christian changed your life"? As Jesus began his ministry as described in our New Testament reading in Mark, he invites a radical change to those he called. For the first disciples the change of attitude to God would begin a radical separation from their past life. This can fill us with some trepidation that such a thing is demanded of us. Mark is reminding us of something that must be at the core of who we are: that discipleship as a process of identity in Jesus Christ is not a task to be fulfilled, a box to be ticked off, a strategic plan to be constructed. Instead, our Christian life and discipleship is to be transformed in ways that adapts in deep and enduring ways to the Way of Jesus Christ.

The Sunday Services this week are held at;

St Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston at 11am – Holy Communion.

St Mary's Church, Naughton at 11am – Morning Prayer.

Remembrance Sunday Services on 14 November 2021 are as follows:



Civic and Ecumenical Remembrance Service – **Bildeston Square** at 10.45am; *representing the villages of Bildeston, Wattisham and Lindsey.*

All Saints Church, Semer by the War Memorial in the **Churchyard at Semer at 10.45am**; *representing the village of Semer.*

St Margaret's Church, Whatfield at 10.45am; *representing the village of Whatfield.*

St Mary's Church, Nedging at 10.45am; *representing the villages of Nedging and Naughton.*

Please join us at one of the above Remembrance Sunday Services to remember those in our armed forces who have lost their lives in times of war and conflict past and present.

Also for the 100-year anniversary of the British Legion, who have looked after many service personnel and their families and continue to do so.

Church Events in November

Saturday 13 November "Christmas Fayre" at St Mary Magdalene Church 10am – 4pm

Saturday 27th November, Nedging's Christmas Bazaar at 2pm at Nedging and Naughton Village Hall.

The Rota for the Services throughout November is at the end of the Newsletter.

There will be **NO online prayer meeting** next week or during November and December.

Please see our weekly prayer list and prayers to help you pray in your own homes.

Advent Bible Study

"A Heart for Mission," USPG

There is informal Advent Coffee morning drawing inspiration from the Anglican Church of Myanmar. It will be held at the beginning of Advent on Tuesday 30 November at 10.30am at Teresa's home.

If you are interested to join us please contact Revd Elke Cattermole revdelkecattermole@gmail.com 01449 403698 or our Reader Teresa Lester on 01447 744120 or email teresalester47@gmail.com.

COP26

COP26 is continuing this week. Churches across the UK and the world are joining together to speak out against the injustice of the climate crisis. We can be a part of this and join in. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of a prayer vigil, writing prayers and messages on how we feel about climate change and praying for our future world. Let me know anytime you can make during the first two weeks of November while the UN conference is going on and let God's spirit guide the decisions of world leaders for the good of all people.

Thank you, Teresa

Please contact Teresa on 01447 744120 or email teresalester47@gmail.com

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 worship together safely.
- In our cycle of prayer for our benefice we pray today for All Saint's Church, Semer our churchwarden Keith Horn, members of the PCC, the local community of Semer and all who support the church.
- We pray for all who continue the COP26 discussions this week in Glasgow. We pray that all leaders throughout the world understand the seriousness of Climate Change and put into action what is needed to make our planet a safer place.
- We continue to pray for our environment, and pray for Teresa Lester, our Reader as she continues to develop further the ECO Church project within this benefice. Thanking her for putting on a '**Special Climate Change**' session yesterday afternoon (Saturday), where we were able to discuss our concerns and what we could do regarding our environment
- We pray for the continual care we give to each other in whatever way, in our different communities and villages. Especially during this time of rising cases of Covid among our younger population.
- 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 them all as they weekly if not daily have to readjust to keep everyone safe because of the rising numbers of the pandemic.
- 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 those who have lost loved ones and are having to readjust their lives, especially remembering this week the family of Rosie Fewster, from Wattisham, and Heather Morphew from Bildeston, whose service and burial will take place at St Peter's Lindsey. We give thanks for our service of '**Reflection and Remembrance**' last weekend which enabled many who are mourning to find some peace.
- We pray for all our families and friends who we know are still 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. Giving thanks for many who are recovering from the treatment they have received.
- We remember those in our community, 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.
- We pray for our different organists, who play for us at our services, especially remembering, Nigel Alcock and Henry Gold.
- We pray for the Ministry Team; and pray that through the Holy Spirit you will send others to join us for the sake of your Kingdom.
- We pray for our Safeguarding leads in each of our parishes.
- We pray for all our churches in this Benefice and Deanery, our Rural Dean Jo and pray for Revd Stéphane Javelle who will be licensed as Rector for the Stoke by Nayland Benefice on 18 November 2021
- We pray for the Diocese, for Bishops Martin and Mike and all the Archdeacons.
- We pray for our fellow Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania, we pray that we can support them through prayer and giving. We pray also for the wider church across the world.

Sunday Service Prayers and Readings

Collect

Almighty Father,
 Whose will be to restore all things
 In your beloved Son, the King of all;
 Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
 And bring the families of the nations,
 Divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
 To the subject to his just and gentle rule;
 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.

Psalms 62; 5 – 12

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
 for my hope is from him.
 He alone is my rock and my salvation,
 my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
 On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
 my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
 Trust in him at all times, O people;
 pour out your heart before him;
 God is a refuge for us.
 Those of low estate are but a breath,
 those of high estate are a delusion;
 in the balances they go up;
 they are together lighter than a breath.
 Put no confidence in extortion,
 and set no vain hopes on robbery;
 if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
 Once God has spoken;
 twice have I heard this:
 that power belongs to God,
 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
 For you repay to all
 according to their work.

Old Testament Readings –

Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10

Conversion of Nineveh

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Gospel/ New Testament Reading

Mark 1: 14 - 20

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[1] of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James's son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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 contact me if you wish to receive 'Home Communion'

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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:

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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: 498864

Helping to keep our churches open

Help us to make sure our churches can stay open as they are wonderful places for us to worship and pray. If you do not already, can you make a monthly contribution. The government will also add 25% to your contribution if you pay tax.

Contact the treasurer of each PCC for the bank details and set up a standing order or call the Parish Giving Service on 0333 002 1260

Quote the reference:

Bildeston with Wattisham – To be confirmed

Lindsey – 330633060

Whatfield - 330633070

Semer – 330633066

Nedging – To be confirmed

Naughton - 330633061

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

I wish you all every Blessing.

God Bless you all Revd Elke, Rector

Services in the Brett Valley Benefice

November 2021

Date 2021	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 14 th November Remembrance Sunday 	All Services commence at 10.45 am	Remembrance Bildeston Square (Communities of Bildeston, Wattisham & Lindsey) Semer Whatfield Nedging (includes Naughton)	St Mary Magdalene & Bildeston Baptist Church. All Saint's, Semer St Margaret's, Semer St Mary's Nedging
Sunday 21 st November	11 am	Holy Communion	Semer
	11 am	Morning Prayer	Bildeston
Sunday 28 th November Benefice Service	11 am	Holy Communion	Whatfield

