

Sancroft Benefice service rota for May 2023

Sunday 7th May	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
Easter 5 Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-14	11.00am	Fressingfield	Marquee on playingfield
	10.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal village service
Sunday 14th May Easter 6 Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21	8.30am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Weybread	Family service
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal worship
	10.30am	Metfield	Village service
Thurs 18th Ascension Day	6.30pm	Metfield	Evening Prayer for Ascension
Sunday 21st May Easter 7 Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11	11.00am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Mendham	Village service
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Fressingfield	Celebration
Sunday 28th May Pentecost Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23	10.30am	Fressingfield	God's family@church
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion

Keep in touch with what's on.....

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Sancroft Benefice Churches

comprising the parishes of
Fressingfield, Metfield,
Mendham, Stradbroke,
Weybread, Withersdale

April / May 2023



From the Rector.....

Some people tell us that they don't know what is going on in the benefice. We do our best and publish services and some events in Six Sense; we put items on our facebook page; we produce this benefice news; we give out notices in church and have leaflets and posters for events. Also each church is represented online on 'A church near you'. I am not sure what else we can do. However, if you have any ideas to improve our communication, please let us know. We want you to be up to date with all that is happening.

There are lots of services and events coming up. We would love to see you. Wishing you a joyful, peaceful Easter.

Revd Susan

If you would like to speak to someone, please contact:

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Stradbroke	Peter Chetwynd	01379 384069	
Weybread	Mike Nott	01379 853889,	Paula Robinson 01379 852110
Withersdale	Revd Susan	01379 388493	

April and May 2023

Revd Susan is away 10th to 14th April

Every Tuesday Coffee Break, 10.30am Sancroft Hall. All welcome. Bring friends.

Every Thursday Playtime Toddler Group, 9.30am, Sancroft Hall, during term time. Contact nettie@blackmatrix.co.uk

Sunday 2nd April Cook@church, 5 to 7pm, first Sunday, termtime, in Metfield Village Hall. Young people come together to meet, prepare, cook and share a meal. **No May meeting.** A warm welcome awaits. e: alix.taylor@gmail.com



Maundy Thursday, 6th April

Led by Andrew Vessey and Diane Elkins, our **Maundy Evening Service** worship traces the history and meaning of Holy Communion. For the whole benefice on one of the most important days in the Christian calendar, the service begins at 7pm in Fressingfield church.

Good Friday, 7th April

See rota (right) for all today's services. *(In Fressingfield, proceedings start at 10am with hot cross buns in the Sancroft Hall.)*

Easter Sunday

Come and join us at our 'all churches' **Easter Sunrise Service** at Weybread Lake boat club. A short service at 6am followed by coffee and bacon baps.

Sundays 16th April, 21st May

Celebration Service, Fressingfield church, 6.30pm. Worship band/guest speakers. April-Peter Schwier. May-Andrew Fairweather.

Sundays 23rd April, 28th May

God's family@church, whatever your age, crafts for the children, refreshments for all. 10.30am at Fressingfield.

Wednesday 19th

Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) for the whole benefice, coffee from 6.45pm, meeting at 7pm, Sancroft Hall. Come along and support your church. Would you like to be a PCC member and have a say in how your church works? Would you like to be a warden or assistant warden? We need your support. If so, please speak to Susan.

Thursdays 27th April, 25th May

Evening prayer in Metfield church, 4pm. Open to everyone.

Thurs 27th April to Mon 1st May

29th Stradbroke Art Exhibition, 10am to 5pm in All Saints' church. Refreshments. Preview Wednesday 26th April, 7-9pm. All welcome.

Sunday 7th

Joint service with all Fressingfield churches, to celebrate the coronation, 11am in the marquee on the playingfield.

Thursday 18th

Ascension Day Evening Prayer at Metfield church. 6.30pm. Please join us.

Friday 19th

Fressingfield 'all churches' village prayer meeting, 6pm, Baptist Chapel. All welcome.

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Sunday 2nd Palm Sunday Psalm 118:19-24 Matthew 21:1-11	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal village service
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Fressingfield	HC stripping of the altar
Good Friday	10.30am	Mendham	Family service
	11.00am	Fressingfield	Reflections and prayers
	11.30am	Weybread	15 min Reflection, hot cross buns
	2.00pm	Metfield	Reflections and prayers
	2.00pm	Stradbroke	Reflections and prayers
Sunday 9th Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10	8.30am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
	8.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Weybread	Family service + HC
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal worship + HC
	10.30am	Mendham	Family service + HC
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th Easter 2 Acts 2:14a, 22-32, John 20:19-30	8.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Fressingfield	Celebration
Sunday 23rd Easter 3 Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Luke 24:13-35	10.30am	Fressingfield	God's family@church
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th Easter 4 Acts 2:42-end, John 10:1-10	10.30am	Weybread	Benefice Holy Communion

Advance notices

Saturday 3rd June

Men's Breakfast, 7.30am, Sancroft Hall. Numbers to Donny Savage on 01379 586747.

Sat 17th / Sun 18th June

Fressingfield Garden Festival, 10am to 5pm. £5 pp entry to open gardens. Also sculpture trail, scarecrow trail, flower festival, country living market, festival food.