

Service rota for March 2024

Sunday 3rd Lent 3 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	P	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Mendham	Village service
		9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
		10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25-27	P	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal service
		10.30am	Metfield	Village service
		10.30am	Weybread	Family service
		8.30am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 17th Passiontide begins Lent 5 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	P	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
		6.30am	Fressingfield	Celebration
		10.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
Sunday 24th Palm Sunday Psalm 118:1,2,19-29 John 12:12-16	R	10.30am	Fressingfield	family@church
		10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday, 28th		7.00pm	Gislingham	Holy Communion
Good Friday, 29th		11.00am	Fressingfield	Hot cross buns/meditations
		10.00am	Mendham	Hot cross bun family service
		2.00pm	Metfield	Last hour service
		2.00pm	Stradbroke	Last hour service
Easter Eve, 30th		7.00pm	Thornham Magna	Deanery Service of Light
Easter Sunday	W	6.00am	Weybread Lake	Sunrise Service (ecumenical)
		8.30am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
		10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Weybread	Family service + HC by ext

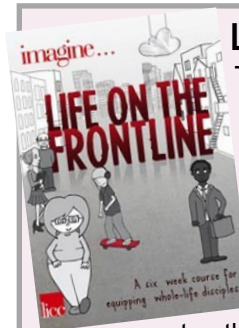


Sancroft Benefice Churches

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



February and March 2023



LENT COURSE

The ministry team has prayerfully decided that we are going to use a course for Lent called **Life on the Frontline**.

Our homegroups will be doing this and, if anyone else would like to participate, you can join a group for the sessions or come to the sessions at the Stradbroke Rectory on the six Saturday mornings during Lent.

The reality is that we all have a 'frontline' where we connect to other people. So Life on the Frontline is designed to help us in small groups recognise one another's frontlines, see how God may be using them there, pray with real purpose for one another and experience how the bible helps us respond to God on our frontlines.

Interested? Contact Revd Susan on 01379 388493 or revloxton@gmail.com

Ministry leadership team:

Revd Diane, Revd Peter, Revd Susan, Maria Price and Nick Stolls

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

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

Every Thursday Playtime Toddler Group, 9am, Sancroft Hall, **during term time**. Contact nettie@blackmatrix.co.uk

Thurs 1st Feb / Thurs 7th March Mothers' Union 2.30pm, Sancroft Hall. February: Exercise 1 of MU Metamorphosis Bitesize. March speaker: Revd Canon Andrew Vessey - St Felix - a saint for today's world.

Sunday 4th Feb Benefice Candlemas Evensong 3pm in Fressingfield church. Join us for our beautiful Book of Common Prayer service with a benefice choir. Followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 13th Pancake Lunch 11.30 to 2pm, Sancroft Hall. Join friends and neighbours for savoury / sweet pancakes. Voluntary contributions to Waveney Food-bank and The Salvation Army.

Wednesday 14th

Ash Wednesday services 10.30am at Mendham, 7pm at Wingfield and Laxfield. Join us for Holy Communion and ashing.

Sun 18th Feb, 3rd and 17th March, Music for Passiontide, with Revd Canon Andrew Vessey, who will share selected choral works from the greatest of composers writing for the period of Passiontide. Andrew will also show examples from the world's finest artists who have portrayed our Lord's passion. 3pm at 3 The Laurels ending with short Evening Prayer BCP. 01379 588389.

Sundays 18th Feb / 17th March

Celebration Service, Fressingfield church, 6.30pm. Worship band and guest speakers, Feb speaker: Andrew Fairweather.

Weds 28th Feb / 27th March

Keep Connected in Stradbroke Coffee/tea, cake and chat. Last Wednesdays, 10-12am at The Court House.

Sundays 25th Feb / 24th March

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

Friday 1st March

World Day of Prayer 10.30am at Hoxne church. Coffee from 10am. Join us and people round the world at this special service, this year focussing on Palestine. *I beg you, bear with one another in love.* Everyone welcome!

Saturday 2nd Men's Breakfast, 7.30am, Sancroft Hall. Speaker: Jonathan Cunningham-Batt on *A strange encounter. A journey to faith.*

Saturday 2nd Spring Fayre 10am to 3pm, All Saints' Mendham will be celebrating community, local and/or sustainable products, eco-church work and where skills can be employed locally. Refreshments. If you would like a stall for a relevant product, please contact Revd Diane by emailing diane1961erica@gmail.com

Sunday 3rd March Cook@church 5 to 7pm, first Sunday in termtime, in Metfield Village Hall. Young people (school years 6 to 10) come together to meet, prepare, cook and share a meal. carolynpage@me.com

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Sunday 4th 2nd before Lent Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 John 1:1-14	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Mendham	Village service
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
Candlemas	3.00pm	Fressingfield	Evensong
Sunday 11th Next before Lent 2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9	8.30am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Weybread	Family service
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal worship
	10.30am	Metfield	Village service
Ash Wednesday 14th	10.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion and ashing
	7.00pm	Wingfield	Holy Communion and ashing
	7.00pm	Laxfield	Hoy Communion and ashimg
Sunday 18th Lent 1 Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal
	6.30pm	Fressingfield	Celebration
Sunday 25th Lent 2 Genesis 17:1-7,15,16 Mark 8:31-38	10.30am	Fressingfield	God's family@church
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion

Friday 8th Lent Lunch 12.15 for 12.30, Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield. Join us for a simple lunch and some Lent activity!

Wednesday 20th Deanery synod meets in Eye church at 7pm. Open to all.

Holy Week and Easter
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for all special services

Prayers around the benefice: Mondays, 10am, The Rectory, Stradbroke. (**not Easter Mon**). Wednesdays, 10am in Mendham church and Thursdays, 9.30am, Fressingfield .

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

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