

July 2026			
Sunday 5th July Trinity 5 <i>Romans 7:15-25a</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i>	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mendham	Village Service
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th July Trinity 6 <i>Romans 8:1-11</i> <i>Matthew 13:1-9,18-23</i>	9.00am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Weybread	Family Service
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal Worship
	10.30am	Metfield	Village Worship - All creatures great and small
Sunday 19th July Trinity 7 <i>Romans 8:12-25</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30,36-43</i>	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal
	3.30pm	Withersdale	Evensong
	6.30pm	Fressingfield	Celebration
Sunday 26th July Trinity 8 <i>Romans 8:26-39</i>	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal All Age Service
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion

Prayers around the benefice Mondays, 10am at Stradbroke church
 Wednesdays, 10am at the Alfred Munnings, Mendham (Hot drinks provided),

Benefice vacancy prayers, 3rd June, 2.30pm at Withersdale and 1st July, 2.30pm at Fressingfield

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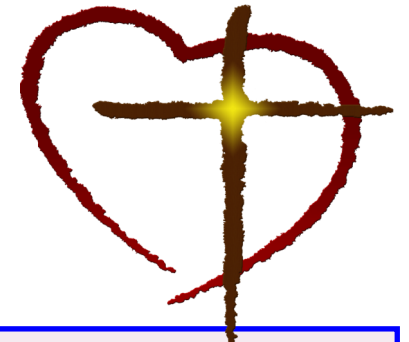
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Sancroft Benefice Churches

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



June and July 2026

Any of you who heard me speaking during the period of 'Thy Kingdom Come' this year will have picked up that I have been influenced by the Archbishop of Canterbury's comments on praying for God and the Holy Spirit to transform us into the people who make the change we want to see in the world.

Over the months of this year in vacancy, I have been impressed by the desire and energy of everybody in our churches which has been demonstrated not only in keeping all we have begun going but also in continuing to seek new ways of outreach. I see how the simplest actions in this way a few years ago (which may not have seemed to bear fruit) can influence a link a person makes with the church now.

Every one of us can make a difference in how we relate to those in our community. Every person in our congregations or amongst those who undertake tasks such as locking/unlocking buildings or sharing resources is not only supporting the remaining team of clergy/ministry leaders and ensuring the benefice is an attractive option for a new incumbent (as commented on by Jeremy from Emmanuel College, one of our patrons, at the section 12 meeting) but is also enabling the churches of Sancroft benefice to draw a little closer to showing a glimpse of God's kingdom on earth.

Thank you all for what you are doing. It is not going unnoticed and it is changing our communities.

Love *Revd Diane*

Ministry leadership team:

Revd Peter, Revd Diane, Revd Tony, Revd Maria and Nick Stolls

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June and July

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

Every Thursday Little Dragonflies, baby and toddler group, meets termtime in Fressingfield School. Contact Lynette on 07776 432910 or nettie@blackmatrix.net

Every Thursday My Choir Rocks, children's singing group, 7 to 8pm.

Singalong Thursdays, adult group, 8 to 9pm. Both Mendham church. Just turn up!

Weds 3rd Benefice prayers for the vacancy, 2.30pm at Withersdale church, (not Fressingfield as in *Six Sense*.)

Thursdays 4th June / 2nd July Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Sancroft Hall. June: Cathie McGregor, MU
July: Angela Hodge from Hartismere Place. Typical signs of ageing or is it dementia?

Saturday 6th Village breakfast for everyone, men and women, 7.30am, Sancroft Hall. Speaker Alix Taylor, from Metfield, *My life, my calling, my work*. Come and join us for an English breakfast and great company. Free of charge, donations welcome. Please reserve your place with Rosemary Savage 01379 586747. Organised by Fressingfield churches.

Saturdays 6th June / 4th July Metfield Café 10am to 12 noon at the village hall with lots of stalls inc clothes, plants, artwork, cards, jewellery, textiles. Raffle for charity. Delicious refreshments. Also book swap stall and recycling table. Come and meet your friends and neighbours.

Editor/compiler still required for *Six Sense*, our benefice magazine. Interested? Please contact Virginia at sancroftbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Sunday 7th Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. Special service, 9.30am at Mendham. (Not 10.30am as in *Six Sense*).

Saturdays June 20th / July 18th Fressingfield Produce Market 10am to 12 noon, Fox and Goose Green. Fresh produce, plants, cards, crafts, refreshments, music, June: Dave Notman and friends folk music. July: Halesworth Ukuleles. Always room for more stalls. Interested? Contact fressproduce@btinternet.com

Sundays 21st June / 19th July Fressingfield Celebration, 6.30pm. Uplifting contemporary worship with the band. June speaker: David Cunliffe, July speaker: Archdeacon Rich.

Saturday 27th Revd Maria's ordination as priest, 2.30pm at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. If you would like to attend, just turn up! Then, **Sunday 28th Revd Maria's first Communion**, 10.30am at Benefice Holy Communion at Weybread with Archdeacon Rich. (Previously advertised services at Fressingfield and Metfield have been cancelled.)

Monday 29th Visitation service with Archdeacon Rich at Palgrave church, 7.30pm, to swear in the church wardens. Please join us to support them. Refreshments follow.

June 2026			
Sunday 7th June Trinity 1 <i>Romans 4:13-25</i> <i>Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</i>	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mendham	Village Service / MU anniv.
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th June Trinity 2 <i>Romans 5:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 9:35 -10:8</i>	9.00am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Weybread	Family Service
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal Worship
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st June Trinity 3 <i>Romans 6:1b-11</i> <i>Matthew 10:24-39</i>	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal
	6.30pm	Fressingfield	Celebration
Sunday 28th June Trinity 4 <i>Romans 6:12-23, Matt 10:40-42</i>	10.30am	Weybread	Benefice Holy Comm to celebrate Maria's ordination
	Fress and Metfield planned services have been cancelled		

Also in July Wednesday 1st July

Benefice prayers for the vacancy, 2.30pm at Fressingfield church.

Wednesday 8th

Deanery Synod Meeting 7pm, Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield. Speaker: Jamie Swinerd, Diocesan and Young Adults Enabler. Anyone is free to attend.

Sunday 12th

All creatures great and small village worship, 10.30am, Metfield, on the village green. Bring pets, large or small but ensure they are contained if small. Horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens. Surprise us!

PCC Meetings

Stradbroke 10.30am on 3rd June
Metfield 10.30am on 30th June
Withersdale 3pm on 13th July
Weybread 2.30pm on 3rd July

Wednesday 15th Benefice Communications meeting 2pm.

Sunday 19th Evensong, 3.30pm at Withersdale with the benefice choir. A beautiful, traditional choral service with sung psalms and canticles to which you can join in or just listen.

Saturday 25th

Stradbroke Village Show, 2pm to 4.30pm. Full schedule of items for the show available from the Bakery or Pump Cottage. Open to all to view with sales table of additional produce, tombola and a raffle.

Sunday 26th cook@church family barbecue. 4 to 8pm. See cook at church on facebook. Contact Carolyn Page at carolynflitcroftpage@gmail.com