

July 2026	Sun 5th July Trinity 5	Sun 12th July Trinity 6	Sun 19th July Trinity 7	Sun 26th July Trinity 8
Athelington	11am JM Patronal Festival (see details)			
Denham				11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30 for JM 10am Café Church	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	11am JM CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age service
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm Team Messy Church Syleham & Wingfield village hall		9.30am EG Village service	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong with the Sine Nomine choir	

Online Services

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm.

For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Some church services also live streamed/uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

Church contacts

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Horham: St Mary	David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216
Redlingfield: St Andrew	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579
Syleham: St Margaret	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579
Wingfield: St Andrew	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579



Hoxne Benefice Churches

**Athelington Denham
Horham Hoxne Redlingfield
Syleham Wingfield**

July 2026



See I am doing a new thing! July sees the end of the school year and the beginning of the summer holidays. Some of the children at Hoxne primary school will be leaving and preparing to start high school in the autumn. We will be giving each child a copy of the Scripture Union booklet "It's Your Move", with hints and tips on how to manage the transition and thrive at secondary school. Even if you are not in an academic environment, this often feels like a time of year to take a break and take stock. It's really a better time than the turn of the calendar year, because most people have more leisure than in the days around Christmas. The weather is also better (we hope!) and we are more likely to be able to adopt an optimistic outlook.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God says:

"See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

So what new things might you do, to help make a way in the wilderness? And what new things do you think we should be doing as a church? Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing the Plan for Growth we put together in 2023 to bring it up to date and set our direction for the next three years. What would you like to see in it? Please let any PCC member or member of the clergy know what you think are the priorities.

Revd Eleanor

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday.

If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

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Wednesday 1st

The Rural Coffee Caravan is at the village triangle, Redlingfield from 10am to 12 noon. Come along for coffee, tea and chat.

Weds 1st and every Wednesday

Coffee and delicious eats in Horham Old School from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and meet your friends and neighbours.

Saturday 4th

Cream teas at Redlingfield church from 2 to 4pm. Only £5 per person. Come along and support the maintenance of the church.

Sunday 5th

Athelington church is celebrating its **Patronal Festival** with a special service at 11am. Then walk through the wildflower field to enjoy refreshments at The Old Rectory. Everyone invited. Note change of time.

Sunday 5th Messy Church at Syleham and Wingfield village hall, 4pm for crafts, story and scrummy tea! For children aged 3-7 and their families.

Tuesday 7th

Coffee and cake: drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham. 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat.

Wednesday 8th The Community

Lunch Club meets again at Hoxne Village Hall, 11am to 1.30pm. Come for coffee and stay for lunch, served between 12 noon and 1pm. All ages welcome. Toys and craft activities for children. No need to book: for info, call 01379 668359. A donation of £5 to cover costs would be very welcome.

Wednesday 8th

Deanery synod meets at 7pm at the Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield. Everyone is welcome – you do not have to be an elected deanery synod representative to attend. The speaker will be Jamie Swinerd, the diocesan Youth and Young Adults Adviser.

Saturday 11th

Hoxne church is holding **an evening to explore the bells** and plans for conserving them. Come early from 6pm for a tower tour (please book in advance with Andrew Castleden: castledenandrew@gmail.com) and a chance to try out some handbells; or for 7pm for the talks, with wine and cheese from 8pm. Suggested donation £10 (in aid of the bells fund).

Tuesday 14th

The **Coffee Caravan** will be at Wingfield Barns from 10am to 12 noon for coffee, cake and chat, plus council and community police advice in an informal atmosphere.

Friday 17th

We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at **The Depperhaugh** at 2.30pm. The residents really appreciate our visits and it would be lovely to have more people join us.

Saturday 18th

Coffee morning and book sale at Hoxne church from 9.45 to 11.15am. All are very welcome.

Sunday 19th

Choral Evensong is back at Wingfield church at 6pm with the Sine Nomine choir making a return visit after their very successful one two years ago. Refreshments after the service.

Wednesday 22nd

The **Book Club** meets for a double helping of discussion of two contrasting books: *The Gustav Sonata* by Rose Tremain and *The Pretender* by Jo Harkin. New members are welcome – contact Revd Eleanor for more details.

Looking ahead

Hoxne's annual **Lammas Service** will be held at the beginning of August as usual. Look out for confirmation of the exact date.

Saturday 15th August

Redlingfield church is holding a **history talk** full of fascinating facts about the village. 2 to 4.30pm – put it in your diary.

Saturday 12th September

The annual **Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride** event takes place. So pump up your bicycle tyres, start finding some sponsors and pick your church to support – all the churches in the benefice are taking part. Sponsorship forms will be available soon from your local organiser.

A request from the Royal British Legion, Stradbroke and District. There is no longer a committee to run the branch, due to age and health reasons, although they still have a membership. They need new committee members, please. It would be a catastrophe if the branch folded when one considers all that it signifies, and the precious lives lost. If you would like to join our branch and help keep the Royal British Legion alive in Stradbroke and District, please contact Mike Harrington on 07891 034276 m.w.harrington@btinternet.com



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Now urgently require donations of food - at a critically low level. They need UHT fruit juice, tea, coffee, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and pies, jam, noodles (not in a pot), rice pudding, toilet roll and shampoo.

Please donate food (in Hoxne church or your supermarket) or go to the website to donate online.



Churches of the Hoxne Benefice are registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can raise donations every time you shop online. – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up.

We have raised £1150 since we started this scheme

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