

Sept 2026	Sun 6th Sept Trinity 14	Sun 13th Sept Trinity 15	Sun 20th Sept Trinity 16	Sun 27th Sept Trinity 17
Athelington	9.30am RC CW Holy Communion			
Denham				11am EG Harvest Festival
Horham		11.15am EG Harvest Festival	11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am DM BCP Holy Communion	9.30 for 10am JM Café Church	9.30am RC CW Holy Communion	11am JM CW Holy Communion 4pm EG All Age service with Silver Eco-award celebration
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm Team Messy Church Syleham & Wingfield village hall		9.30am JM Harvest Festival	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am RC CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong	

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.

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Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham

Horham Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

September 2026



Season of Creation

The time between 1st September and 4th October (St Francis' Day) is a season when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it. This year, after the extreme summer we have experienced, it seems all the more important to reflect on the way climate change is progressing and what we can do to slow it down. There will be a special diocesan service to celebrate our care for creation on Saturday 5th September at 3.30pm at the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As we begin to celebrate our own Harvest Festivals (full programme in this newsletter), we will be keeping in mind the damage done by the drought and the hot weather and the risk to future harvests if things do not change. On Sunday 27th September at 4pm we will have a special All Age Harvest Festival at Hoxne and we will celebrate the Silver Eco-Church Award which Hoxne has achieved.

Planning for the future will be very much to the fore as we draw up a new three-year plan for growth for the benefice. If you have any ideas for things we should start – or stop – doing as churches please let us know! Maybe this time next year more of our churches will have joined Hoxne and Syleham as Eco-Churches, for example.

Meanwhile, there is lots going on. Don't miss the entries to the Hoxne Flower, Craft and Produce Show on 7th September from the young people of our Club Create. And now the weather is a bit cooler, why not get on your bike and support the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride event on 12th September? It could be fun! **Revd Eleanor**

Revds Eleanor and John will be taking annual leave from 31st August to 10th September

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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Tuesday 1st

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 2nd

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

And **Wednesday 2nd** and every Weds **Coffee and delicious eats** in Horham Old School from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and meet your friends and neighbours.

Sunday 6th Messy Church is at 4pm as usual in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Our theme will be The Kind Stranger. Designed for children aged 3-7 with parents or carers and siblings, but all are welcome.

Wednesday 9th

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 from 0-99 and beyond! Toys and craft activities for children. No need to book: for further information call 01379 668359. A suggested donation of £5 to cover costs would be very welcome.

Saturday 12th Ride and Stride (see right)

Tuesday 15th

Coffee and delicious cakes will be served as usual at Wingfield Barns from 10am to 11.30am only (*note shorter time*), because at 11.30am there will be a short concert by a Quartet from the Britten Sinfonia to launch the Musical Bridges project, which will run

Harvest Festivals

Athelington: Sunday 4th Oct, 9.30am (followed by refreshments)

Denham: Sunday 27th Sept, 11am (followed by refreshments)

Horham: Sunday 13th Sept, 11.15am (followed by bring and share lunch, Old School)

Hoxne: Sunday 27th Sept, 4pm (with celebration of Silver Eco-church award)

Redlingfield: Sunday 18th Oct, 10am

Syleham: Sunday 20th Sept, 9.30am (followed by refreshments)

Wingfield: Sunday 4th Oct, 11am (followed by Harvest Lunch in village hall)

through the autumn. Everyone is welcome to stay for the concert; £3 minimum contribution (pay what you can). The Coffee Caravan will be back as usual in October.

Saturday 19th

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

Also Saturday 19th

Syleham's Harvest Supper is at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall at 7 for 7.15pm. Delicious home-cooked food and desserts with a complimentary glass of wine. Tickets £20. Booking essential: e-mail lorraine@syleham.uk

Wednesday 23rd

The Book Club meets at 5pm to discuss *The Horseman* by Tim Pears. Venue to be confirmed. Check with Revd Eleanor if you would like to come along – new members are always welcome.

Saturday 25th Concert by Chanter's

Jigge: A Tudor Portrait. Lively concert by this well-loved early music ensemble, focusing on the Elizabethan age. 7pm at Hoxne Village Hall. Tickets £10 – bring your own snacks. To pre-book call 01379 668359 or e-mail cabbott364@gmail.com or 01379 669308 richard.giffin@yahoo.co.uk. Tickets also on the door. Proceeds to Hoxne church.

Saturday 3rd October Another Historical Ghost Walk around Syleham, meeting at Syleham Cross 6.30pm, with new historical stories and scary incidents. £10 per ticket to include a drink and canapes in church afterwards. lorraine@syleham.uk for more information. NB Not suitable for children.

Friday 30th October

Book Launch - Charles Souter: *The Life and Times of a Parish Clerk* to be held at Syleham church at 7pm, including a talk by Stephen Poulter and the research team that has been working on the diary of Syleham's Parish Clerk from 1784 to 1824. Free, with drinks available for a donation to the church. Info from lorraine@syleham.uk.

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Ride and Stride

Love Suffolk Churches?

Get on your Bike on September 12th



Bike or walk

Visit as many churches as you can



All welcome

Cyclists of all ages and all backgrounds



Easy to take part

Register locally and get sponsored per church or with a fixed amount. Visit <https://shct.org.uk/>



Warm welcome

Every church is open to riders and walkers



Twice the impact

Half your money goes to your chosen church, half to the Trust to help churches in structural need



We would love to see you on

September 12th!



Ride and Stride

Contact your local volunteer to register your interest.....

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