

Sept 2026			
Sunday 6th Trinity 9 Creationtide <i>Ezekiel 33:7-11</i> <i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>		Mendham	No service (4 th Sun harvest)
	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th Trinity 10 Creationtide <i>Genesis 50:15-21</i> <i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	9.00am	Withersdale	HC BCP Harvest
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Harvest, bring and share
	10.30am	Metfield	Village Worship Harvest
	10.30am	Weybread	Harvest Family Service
Sunday 20th Trinity 11 Creationtide <i>Jonah 3:10 – 4:11</i> <i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>	9.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal
	6.30pm	Fressingfield	Celebration
Sunday 27th Trinity 12 Creationtide <i>Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32</i> <i>Matthew 21:23-32</i>	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal All Age Service
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Mendham	Harvest Service

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

**Benefice vacancy prayers, 5th August, 2.30pm at Mendham
 and 2nd Sept, 2.30pm at Metfield.**

Keep in touch with what's on..... Benefice news. For your email copy, email
sancroftbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

facebook pages: *Sancroft benefice churches *Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.
 To receive a weekly email with news from the diocese, email communications@cofesuffolk.org

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Sancroft Benefice Churches

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



August and September 2026

As I write this, it is certainly very hot. Some people love the hot weather and others can't get cool enough day or nighttime. We all respond differently to the climate around us.

As a benefice, we have advertised the incumbent vacancy and no one seems to have responded. It would be easy to be downhearted and wonder why no one wants to come to our benefice.

In Fressingfield, the local ministry team meets monthly and at our last meeting we spoke about how we need to keep praying for the right person to come forward at the right time, how we need to trust that God, as our loving heavenly Father, has got it all in hand.

So, if you're feeling a little down that nothing happened first time round, pray and trust in God and let's keep working together for our churches, parishes and for God's kingdom.

Thank you for all your work and encouragement.
 Every blessing,

Revd Peter

Ministry leadership team:

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

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

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Benefice administrator, Virginia Skoyles, sancroftbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

August and September

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

Saturdays 1st Aug / 5th Sept
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 friends and neighbours.

Weds 5th Aug / 2nd Sept Benefice
prayers for the vacancy, 2.30pm.
Aug - Mendham Church, Sept - Metfield.

Thursdays 6th Aug / 3rd Sept
Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Sancroft Hall.
August - Garden party on the Green. All
invited. Bring friends. Bring and buy, raffle.
September - we will celebrate meeting our
150th anniversary challenges, with a social
afternoon, an opportunity to enjoy time
together and discuss ideas for next year.

Sun 9th Aug Celebration of 150 years
of the Mothers' Union, 3.30pm,
St Edsmundsby Cathedral.

Sat 15th Aug at Mendham Church.
Come and see **Waveney Volunteers for**
Nature scything, by hand and machine,
part of the churchyard, 10am to 2pm.

Lammas Services in the deanery

Sat 1st Aug - annual Addington Fund service,
Hoxne, 6.30pm with drinks and hog roast.
Donations to the Fund, supporting farming
families in need.

Sun 2nd Aug - 11am, Lammas celebration
at Wilby, with Dean Joe
from St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

Learn why we do this and acquire one of the
late Denis Pye's books on nature, landscape
and local matters with a small donation to
nature projects. Refreshments

Also **Sat 15th Aug Metfield Garden**
Party and Produce Show. See Six Sense
magazine for details.

Sun 30th Aug Benefice Communion
Service, 10.30am at Weybread followed by
refreshments.

Sat 5th Sept Commemoration of the
Life and Valour of Sgt Alfred Ablett VC,
DCM with a Service of Remembrance, 3pm
at Weybread Church. Hosted jointly with the
Grenadier Guards (Suffolk Branch) and the
Royal British Legion (Fressingfield &
District). Followed by afternoon teas and
memorabilia on display. Open to all.
Donations welcome for church upkeep.

Also **Sat 5th A service to celebrate our**
care for creation, 3.30pm, St Edmundsbury
Cathedral. It is the 10 year anniversary of A
Rocha's Eco Church project.

Sat 19th Sept (none in Aug)
Fressingfield Produce Market 10am to 12
noon, Fox and Goose Green. Fresh
produce, plants, cards, crafts, refreshments,
music with Dave Notman and friends.
Always room for more stalls. Interested?
Contact fressproduce@btinternet.com

Aug 2026

Sunday 2nd Trinity 9 <i>Isaiah 55:1-5</i> <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>	9.30am	Mendham	Village Service
	9.30am	Metfield	The Gathering
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th Trinity 10 <i>1 Kings 19:9-18</i> <i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>	9.00am	Withersdale	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal Worship
	10.30am	Metfield	Village Worship
	10.30am	Weybread	Family Service
Sunday 16th Trinity 11 <i>Isaiah 56:1,6-8</i> <i>Matthew 15:21-28</i>	9.30am	Mendham	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Fressingfield	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stradbroke	Informal
Sunday 23rd Trinity 12 <i>Isaiah 51:1-6, Matt 16:13-20</i>	10.30am	Fressingfield	Informal All Age Service
	10.30am	Metfield	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th Trinity 13 <i>Jerem 15:15-21, Matt 16:21-28</i>	10.30am	Weybread	Benefice Holy Comm

Sun 20th Sept Fressingfield
Celebration, 6.30pm, Speaker:
Andrew Fairweather. Uplifting
contemporary worship with the
band. Homemade refreshments.
(No Celebration in August)

Weds 23rd Sept Benefice
Communications Group, 2pm.

PCC Meetings

Fressingfield on 6th August, 7pm
Mendham on 30th September, 7.30pm

Register with your Ride and Stride volunteer

Fressingfield - Rosemary Savage 01379 586747

Mendham - Tony Dawson 077548 792114

Metfield - Paul Smith 01379 586578

Stradbroke - Peter Chetwynd 01379 384069

Weybread - Mike Nott 07890 032292

Withersdale - Keith Lawson 01379 586269

Volunteers needed to welcome visitors in church!

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

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per church or with a fixed amount
Visit <https://shct.org.uk/>



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to riders and walkers



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half to the Trust to help churches
in structural need

