

Four Rivers Benefice News

Parishes of Bedfield, Brundish
Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham
Tannington, Wilby
Worlingworth with Southolt
October 2026



Dear Friends

I do hope you have found that place where you can breathe in deeply, breathe in slowly and take time to listen with the ears of your heart. I have realised that little islands are a great place for me to find such peace and I am writing this whilst gazing out on the water between Iona and Mull. I know, not everybody is able to seek rest in this way and so my prayers are with all my family, friends, and everybody living in the Four Rivers Benefice that you might find your equivalent. Sometimes, experiencing peace can surprise me when I acknowledge a sense of inward quiet wherever I am and I thank God for that.

Last month I mentioned that I was hoping that there might be many more opportunities for reflective days at the Vicarage over the coming months. Some ideas have been put forward. I am excited to say that in Laxfield, two people have come forward to explore Home Groups and have been talking to the congregation after church on a Sunday morning as to whether there are others who might like to join. The responses are positive. Oh, and look out at the Laxfield Market in November when there will be an opportunity for you to have your say about what you might like to see across the benefice!

Prayers and blessings

Revd Chrissie

on leave till Sunday 4th October

Forest Church Sun 11th Oct
Worlingworth Hall, IP13 7NS
3pm. For all ages!
Come dressed for nature-inspired outdoor activities. Informal worship.
Refreshments. **For more details**
visit www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2288

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What's on during October.....

Sat 3rd Laxfield Market, 9.30am to 12.

Mondays 5th and 19th

The Care Café at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am to 1pm. Free entry. For carers, cared for, bereaved and those alone. Contact Jenny on 07710 218957.

Fri 9th Meet up Friday, The Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am.

Sun 11th Forest Church, 3pm, (see over)

Sat 17th Saturday Social, Laxfield 10 to 11.30am, in church.

Weds 21st Drop in for coffee and a chat at Wilby church, 10 to 11.30am.

Fri 23rd Lunchtime Concert, 12.30 to 1.30pm. Robbie Cathcart, piano.

Also **Fri 23rd Stir Up Supper**, 7pm Laxfield church. Come and mix your Christmas pudding. (£8 for 2lb, £5 for 1lb). Supper £10. Book early with Jackie on 07773 886582.

Sat 24th Brundish Harvest Supper, 7pm in the village hall. To reserve a place, email brundishvillagehall@outlook.com £15 incs main, desert, tea and coffee.

Thurs 29th Tea at the Vicarage, 2pm, Laxfield.

All Souls Services, remembering those we have loved and lost.

Sat 31st Oct 4pm at Laxfield

Sun 1st Nov 4pm at Worlingworth

Light a candle in their memory.....

Benefice Services in October

Sunday 4th

9.30am Holy Communion, Bedfield
10.30am Harvest Celebration, Laxfield
11am Family Service, Monk Soham
6pm Harvest Celebration, Wilby

Sunday 11th

9am Village Worship, Cratfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Laxfield
10.30am Celtic Village Worship, Wilby
11am BCP Morning Prayer, Monk Soham
11am Let's Celebrate, Worlingworth

Tuesday 13th

9am Celtic Holy Comm, Worlingworth

Sunday 18th

9.30am Chatty Church, Laxfield
11am Morning Praise, Bedfield
11am Holy Communion, Brundish
11am BCP Holy Comm, Monk Soham
11am BCP Morning Prayer, Worlingworth

Sunday 25th

9am Holy Communion, Cratfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Wilby
11am Holy Communion, Worlingworth
6pm Hartismere House, Laxfield

Saturday 31st

4pm All Souls Service, Laxfield

Sunday 1st November

9.30am Holy Comm. All Souls, Bedfield
10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Laxfield
11am Family Service, Monk Soham
11am Holy Comm. All Souls, Tannington
4pm All Saints / Souls, Worlingworth

Celtic Prayer online
on Zoom, 9 to 9.30am
each Friday morning.
All welcome! To join, contact
Revd Chrissie

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