NOV 2026	Sun 1st Nov All Saints Day	Sun 8th Nov Remembrance	Sun 15th Nov 2 before Advent	Sun 22nd Nov Christ the King	Sun 29th Nov Advent Sunday
Athelington	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion				4pm JM Advent Carols
Denham		3pm JM Remembrance Service		11am EG CW Holy Communion	
Horham		3pm EG Remembrance Service	11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion		11am EG Benefice Holy Communion
Hoxne	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion	10.45am JM Remembrance Service	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	11am JM CW Holy Communion 4pm All Age Service EG	
Redlingfield		10.45am RC Remembrance Service			
Syleham	4pm Team Messy Church Syleham and Wingfield VH	10.45am EG Remembrance Service	9.30am JM Village Service	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion	
Wingfield	11am JM CW Holy Communion	9am EG BCP Holy Comm / Act of Remembrance	6pm JM Evensong		6pm EG Evensong for St Andrew

Friday 20th Nov St Edmund's Day, 7.30pm, Celebration Service at Hoxne EG
On the rotas……EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison, JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court
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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Athelington Denham Horham Hoxne Redlingfield Syleham Wingfield



November 2026

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day

I have good news to announce this month, which is that Bishop Joanne has agreed that I may extend my retirement date for a year beyond my 70th birthday to April 2028. I am delighted that I can continue to serve the benefice for that time.

The psalmist says: "teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart". Recognising that our time is finite, whether in a particular role or in terms of our life on earth, is important to help us to live a more focused and intentional life. Jesus himself was very conscious of this. He said "we must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no-one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world". And his next action was to restore sight to a blind man. I can't promise to perform any miracles! But I do intend to be as focused as possible in leading the benefice over the next 18 months.

These are appropriate reflections as we enter the season of Remembrance. After our Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for the loved ones we have lost on Saturday 31st October, November begins with the joyful celebration of All Saints, those whose work on earth is done but who continue in communion with us in heaven.

Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November this year and later on we celebrate two particular saints: St Edmund on 20th November (there will be a celebration service at Hoxne church) and St Andrew on 29th November, transferred from 30th November, when there will be a special Evensong at Wingfield church. That same Sunday 29th, Advent begins and our first carol service takes place, as always, at Athelington church at 4pm. **Revd Eleanor**

Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be taking a short break from Thurs 5th to Sat 7th November.
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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Sunday 1st Messy Church is back in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall at 4pm with crafts, fun and a scrummy tea for 3-7 year olds and their families. Our theme will be the battle of Jericho.

Tuesday 3rd 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 or to browse a few books.

Wednesday 4th The Redlingfield winter coffee morning returns and will be held in November at Woodvale, Low Road from 10am to 12 noon, courtesy of Linda Hudson.

Wednesday 4th and every Wednesday Coffee and delicious eats in Horham Old School from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and meet your friends and neighbours.

Friday 6th The Befriending Group will be at the Depperhaugh at 2.30pm with crafts/ reading/songs. New members very welcome.

Sunday 8th
Remembrance Sunday
All our usual services
(details on back page).



Wednesday 11th 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.

Tuesday 17th The Coffee Caravan will be at Wingfield Barns, 10am to 12 noon. Pop along for friendly chatter with a cuppa and cake (and sausage rolls!) too.

Wednesday 18th
The Book Club will meet at 5pm at the King's Head, Brockdish to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Contact Revd Eleanor if you would like to come along – new members are always welcome.

Friday 20th We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at The Depperhaugh nursing home at 2.30pm. We are always glad to have additional singers!

Friday 20th … is St Edmund's Day. There will be a special service of celebration at Hoxne church at 7.30pm.

Saturday 21st
The regular coffee morning at Hoxne church will be held as usual from 9.45 to 11.15am.

Saturday 28th The Hoxne Christmas Fair takes place at St Edmunds Hall from 12 to 2.30pm with a range of great stalls, a soup lunch and a visit from you-know-who!

Sunday 29th Our benefice Holy Communion service for Advent Sunday will be held at Horham at 11am, followed by another instalment of "God Club" in the Old School: a free-ranging discussion on the theme of Advent. Bring some finger food.



Also Sunday 29th
Athelington's traditional and hugely popular Advent carol service takes place at 4pm. Come and get into the Christmas spirit early. Refreshments and a tombola at the Old Rectory afterwards.

Also Sunday 29th
St Andrew's, Wingfield celebrates its patronal festival at 6pm with a special Evensong, followed by refreshments.

Looking ahead

Saturday 5th December
There will be a Christmas Crafternoon at Denham Village Hall from 1 to 3pm, with wreath making, crafts and games, coffee, tea and cakes. Suitable for all ages. Wreath making is £10 and the wreath is yours to take home. Book your place with Helen: 07894 562172. All proceeds to Denham church.

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th December
Wingfield church is participating with its own stall in the Wingfield Barns Christmas Fair. 10am to 4pm on Saturday/Sunday. Free entry. Local crafts / handmade gifts.

Check out our **facebook** pages:
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facebook.com/HoxneMC

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Thank yous!

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride in September, whether you rode, strode, drove or welcomed people to our churches. All our churches saw increased numbers of visitors this time and a goodly amount of money was raised.
Half of the money goes to the SHCT and the other half to the church. But the half that goes to the SHCT becomes part of the funds that they pay out in grants, so we can get that back too. Hoxne church has just been awarded £5000 by the SHCT to help mend the church roof. Next year's Ride and Stride will be on Saturday 11th September.
The SCHT is looking for a new area volunteer for next year, as the current one is retiring from the post. If you feel you could help, we would like to hear from you. Responsibilities include taking the packs round to the 24 churches in our area and reporting back known funds raised. Please let Revd Eleanor know of your interest, in the first instance.

And thank you for all your gifts to the Food Bank at Harvest and through the year. It's not too late to leave food donations in Hoxne church (in the plastic box near the font). They are very much needed as food donations have been declining with the rising cost of living and the Food Bank has been forced to buy food to replenish their stock. Last year we donated 53kg of food! Can we top that this year?

Please don't forget - 07484 394749

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