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April - May 2026



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MID LOES BENEFICE

Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach, Cretingham, Dallingham, Earl Soham, Hoo, Letheringham and Monewden

From The Rectory...

WELCOME to your April/May benefice magazine.

As we move into April, and with the joyful celebration of Easter fast approaching, the church also turns its attention to the 'business end' of church life, dealing with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM); elections for church officers; updating the Electoral Roll; presenting the Annual Accounts; and reporting on the previous year's activities within the church; so I thought it might be worth reminding ourselves what all this means with a brief overview of the importance of each of these areas of church administration.

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The governing body of the church is known as the PCC, and is a charitable trust, with members automatically becoming charitable trustees. Members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The PCC consists of Churchwarden/s; a Treasurer; a Secretary; along with elected members who all play a vital role in the running of your church. The elected trustees manage the church's finances, maintenance of the church, churchyard and associated buildings, whilst also supporting me, as the Rector, working together to advance the church's mission and outreach.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a register of the lay members of the church who are then entitled to vote at the APCM, as well as being eligible to be elected on to their PCC. The Electoral Roll is revised annually, with forms being available through your church, so please consider registering and being able to have your say on the future of your local parish church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM is a statutory meeting held in every parish in the Church of England, typically between January 1st and May 31st, where reports on parish activities, finances, and the electoral roll are presented, along with elections for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) taking place. The APCM is a crucial event in the church calendar where the church community gathers to review the past year's activities and to vote (if eligible) for the election of the various officers of the church.

There is so much more that could be discussed here regarding other important areas of church life, but these can be saved for another occasion. For now, my reason for sharing this overview with you is to encourage you to consider being on the Electoral Roll, and to consider what gifts and talents you might have to become a trustee of your local church, by seeking to be elected onto the PCC.

Again, I am incredibly grateful of the work our 8 PCCs undertake in order to keep their respective churches open and alive for our local communities and for the many visitors who visit our churches, but there is always room for more people to play an important role in the day-to-day running of our churches, so if you wish to have an informal conversation about playing a role in your local church, please give me a call.

Love, and Blessings,

Revd Gary



Holy Week Services

As we journey towards Easter, please join us for Compline, which is an ancient, quiet, and reflective night service, taking place on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, of Holy Week.

This year we focus on the last three sayings of the seven that Jesus spoke from the Cross....

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

'It is finished'

'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'

Monday 30th March – Earl Soham – 7pm

Tuesday 31st March – Charsfield – 7pm

Wednesday 1st April – Letheringham – 7pm



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If you would like to join a group of committed singers who come together on the first Sunday of the month at our benefice services, then please read on. Whether you are an experienced singer or have a good ear and the ability to 'pick up a tune', then please come along and join us at the next benefice service, details of which are on the front cover of this magazine. The Benefice Choir is developing a growing repertoire of Choral Music, Anthems, Psalms and Chants, and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us to sing at these well supported services.

**If you would like further information,
please contact Jonathan Lettin -
lettins@me.com**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

**Please note the following dates for the
benefice churches APCMs...**

**Charsfield / Dallinghoo / Ashfield / Cretingham /
Letheringham / Monewden**

Sunday 19th April - St. Peter's Church, Charsfield – 11.30am

Earl Soham

Monday 27th April - St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham - 7.30pm

Hoo

Tuesday 12th May - Hoo Church - 2pm

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of a church, overseeing the church resources, assets, and buildings, with responsibility for ensuring compliance with policies such as health and safety, and safeguarding. The PCC also collaborates with the Rector and Ministry Team in discerning and promoting the mission and ministry of the church.

The PCC is required to hold an APCM at which reports are shared, accounts approved, new members and officers are elected and questions may be asked about any area of the church's ministry.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting and raise questions; only those on the electoral roll may vote in any formal resolutions that might be made.

**If you would like to become more involved in your local church,
please contact Revd Gary:**

midloesoffice@gmail.com - 01728 685 550.

COPY DEADLINES FOR 2026

June-July 2026: *May 17th*

October-November 2026: *September 20th*

August-September 2026: *July 19th*

December 2026 - January 2027: *November 15th*

ASHFIELD NOTES

ASHFIELD WELFARE TRUST

This Trust exists to help anyone who is an Ashfield resident who may at any time need funds for a number of things if they are in need.

The Trustees would invite anyone who thinks that the Trust could help them to get in touch with them in confidence.

Ruth Hart, Chairman **01728 685622**

Ann Burton, Secretary **01728 684858**

Sue Henney, Treasurer **01728 685526**



CHURCHYARD

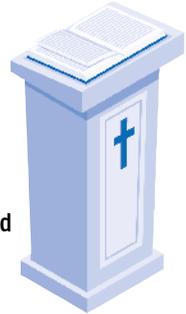
Some of you will have noticed the swaths of snowdrops and primroses blossoming in the churchyard. We try to manage it so that these and other seasonal flowers have an opportunity to flourish for the benefit of nature which is why some areas are tidier than others. An on going concern we have it the 'invasion' of Alexander's Weed a tall umbelliferous plant that if given an opportunity would have fully taken over by now. By preventing it from seeding for the last two years I remain hopeful that in time we can get it under control and ideally eradicated altogether, it has already smothered out all of the winter aconites that used to carpet some areas of the churchyard! We will continue to try and manage the grounds in a way that gives the impression that they are cared for but at the same time encourages wildlife. Unfortunately this does mean that some particularly it seems artificial flowers will be preyed upon by muntjac! If anyone would like more of the logs from the recent tree felling or some woodchip for mulch do please let me know.



RG

CHURCH SERVICES APRIL - MAY

Please refer to the table of services published in the central pages of this magazine for details of all services in Ashfield and across the benefice to which all are welcome.
Thanks RG



Photos from across the Benefice

If you have a photo taken at a local church event, or from within and around our churches, or if you are able to take a scenic photo of the beautiful countryside in which our benefice sits, please send your photos through for inclusion in the new, 'Photos from around the Benefice' pages, or a picture that might work as a front cover.

**Please send your photos to
midloesmagazine@gmail.com**



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the end of the March meeting of the Parish Council Cllr. Myles Hansen stood down after more than 35 year service. On behalf of the Council, myself and all the residents that Myles has helped over that time I would like to put on record our thanks to him for such a long and dedicated service to the community. I am sure more will be said about this at the Annual Meetings in May [see below].

During the meeting a presentation was given by a representative from the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit. This was principally to discuss putting in a plan for when communities like Ashfield become cut off whether by weather conditions or when internet/telephone services are not available. The Parish Council is to receive more information about this for further discussion. If any resident/s have a particular interest in this subject please let any Councillor or the Clerk know.

Over the winter months the whole footpath net work in Ashfield has been audited and necessary reinstatements/repairs carried out. As the weather improves so will the surface conditions of the paths. Should you whilst out walking encounter any issue/s with the Ashfield footpaths please let Malcolm Pease or Robert Grimsey know so they can be looked at and any necessary actions implemented.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council both take place on Wednesday 13th May, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please do attend these important meeting when you will learn all about what the Parish Council and other village organisations have been doing the last year.

Thank you.

Robert Grimsey, Chairman

VICAR'S
tea party

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 11th July

2.30pm – 5pm

Cream Teas - Bar - Music – BBQ

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THANK YOU

Many thanks for prayers, good wishes, cards and flowers people have sent me over the past few weeks since my knee operation in December. The operation was successful, but the road to full recovery is a slow one. Certainly much slower than I had expected.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, when I can thank you for your support personally.

Kathleen



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please use the Prayer Boxes found in all the benefice churches or email midloesprayer@gmail.com



Charsfield

Easter
EVENT

REFRESHMENTS FOR ADULTS AND
CHILDREN, SOFT PLAY, CRAFTS AND
EASTER ACTIVITIES

11 APRIL 2026

2PM - 5PM

CHARSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES



UPDATE FROM CHARSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A Charsfield Easter event will be in the village hall 2-5pm on Saturday 11th April, all welcome a whole village affair. Refreshments and crafts plus soft play/games and Easter activities for the kids. See the related event poster.

Community Energy The Charsfield community has started a government funded feasibility study to look at the opportunity for the village to be energy self-sufficient. If feasible, this would be through wind, solar or a mix via a community benefit scheme to serve (only) the local residents.

Charsfield Emergency Plan Following a refresh late in 2025, the Charsfield emergency plan was recently tested. Overseen by East Suffolk Council, the plan will be amended following the learning points from the test exercise, amended and then republished after Easter.

Food & Drink local to Charsfield Final call. Do you sell local food or drink, in any quantity, even if just occasionally? If so, join our new “keep it local” Charsfield Food and Drink List, to be published very shortly on the Charsfield website, please get in touch.

Your Charsfield Parish Council contact is Viviane Ward clerk@charsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.charsfield.org.uk

PRAYER FOR HEALING

A small group meets every month and if you would like prayer for yourself or someone close who is ill or in any kind of need please get in touch with any of the following:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Kathleen Martin | 01473 737 285 |
| Margaret Salter | 01473 737 182 |
| Mary Vellacott | 01728 685423 |
| Revd Wendy Gourlay | 01728 685335 |



BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 9th April and Thursday 14th May
at Firs Farm, Monewden

A reflective Holy Communion service followed by a light lunch to which all are welcome. Please let Revd Kathleen know if you are coming in order to help with planning.

b.a.martin@btconnect.com or **01473 737285**



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CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

CHURCH READERS & SIDES PEOPLE, ST PETER'S, CHARSFIELD

Date	Readers	Sides person
Apr 5th 9.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion with Dallinghoo	Linda Mike	Mike
Apr 12 th	No Service at Charsfield Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
Apr 19th 10am Benefice Holy Communion Charsfield	Benefice Holy Communion Charsfield All Welcome	
Apr 26th	No Service at Charsfield Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
May 3rd 10am Benefice Holy Communion Dallinghoo	10am Benefice Holy Communion Dallinghoo All Welcome	
May 10th	No Service at Charsfield Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
May 17th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Antony Margaret	Margaret
May 24th 10am Holy Communion	Sheila Mike	Mike
May 31st 10am Morning Prayer	Linda Lesley	Lesley

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the World Day of Prayer Service was held at St. Peter's church in Charsfield. The service featured Nigeria and we learned about the lives of 4 women, their culture, the burdens that they have experienced, how they have overcome them and their spiritual journey. Donations of £73.50 were made to the global work of the WDP.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHARSFIELD APRIL/MAY CLEANING ROTA

11 April	Beverley	9 May	Lucy
25 April	Angela & Joyce	23 May	Margaret



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St. Peter's Church

Charsfield

Saturday 6th June

7:30pm

Refreshments

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Cream Teas at Charsfield Church 2026

3-5pm

3rd Sundays in month:

May 17, Jun 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sep 20,

Proceeds to Church Funds



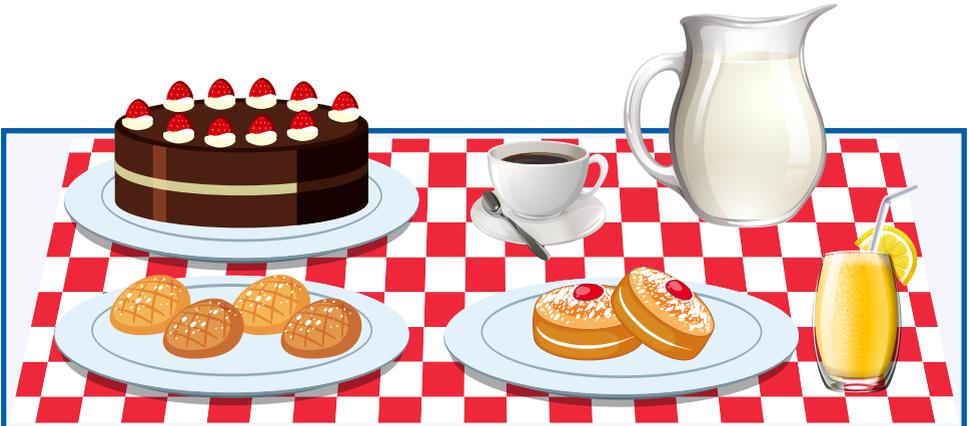
COFFEE MORNING

Friday 15th May from 10am-12noon

At Oak Ridge, Davey Lane, Charsfield

Raffle Cakes Plants

In aid of St. Peter's Church Fabric Fund



COFFEE AND CHAT IN ST PETER'S

Our popular Coffee and Chat get-togethers continue into 2026 with the dates for the first three being:

Saturday 4th April (at the Easter Stall)

Monday 11th May

Friday 12th June

Monday 27th July

From 10.30 until Noon – fresh coffee, a selection of teas, biscuits and (increasingly) CAKE are served, along with CHAT about all manner of subjects.

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Monday 11th May;

Friday 12th June; and

Monday 27th July.



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EASTER CHURCH SALE

with COFFEE and CHAT

will be on Saturday 4th April from 10am to 12 noon. Produce, cakes, books, crafts and a raffle will all be on-tap.



Plus the opportunity to view the creative flower displays prepared for our Easter Day service the following day at 9.30am

EASTER DAY

Our Celebration of Easter this year will be at 9.30am when we will be joined by worshippers from Letheringham Parish.

Led by Revd Wendy Gourlay the service of Holy Communion will be followed by refreshments.



CHURCH AGM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 19th April at 11am in Charsfield Village Hall. All Parishioners are invited to attend when there will be the opportunity to receive the Annual Reports and Accounts of the PCC, to elect the Church Council for 2026-27 and discuss our plans for the future. The meeting lasts no more than an hour or so.



FUNDRAISER – RACE NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported our Race Night on the 7th February. We anticipated an evening of high drama, excitement and also-rans as we joined racegoers trackside across the UK to witness eight close-run races.

We raised £366 whilst enjoying each other's company and a hot supper prepared by Heather Runacres and Wendy Gourlay. Our next fundraiser will be a Quiz Night on the 10th October in Brandeston Village Hall.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 28th June

Patronal Festival and lunch

Saturday 11th July

Fete on Oak Corner

Saturday 12th September

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride

Saturday 26th September

Harvest Supper – 7pm

Sunday 27th September

Harvest Festival

Saturday 10th October

Quiz Night in Brandeston Village Hall

THE DEADLINE for contributions panel
June/July 2026 ISSUE is SUNDAY 17th MAY

Saturday 25th April

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Plant



and



Cake

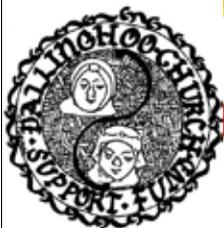
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DALLINGHOO NOTES

COFFEE & CHAT

The next coffee morning Dallinghoo Coffee and Chat. Dallinghoo Village Hall, April 4th 10.00 - 12.00 we will be serving Bacon or Egg Rolls. There will be cakes for sale and a prize draw.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date	Event	Time	Where
28/03/26	St Mary's churchyard Clean up Refreshments provided.	10.00	St Mary's Church
04/04/26	Coffee & Chat – Raffle and Cake Sale. Bacon or Egg rolls	10.00 - 12.00	Village Hall
25/04/26	Plant & Cake Sale – Always a popular event. Refreshments will be available		Village Hall
MAY	No coffee morning in May		
09/05/26	Beetle Drive – Jacket Potato with Chilli (Veggie option available) & Raffle	18.30	Village Hall
06/06/26	Coffee & Chat – Raffle and Cake Sale	10.00 - 12.00	Village Hall
04/07/26	Coffee & Chat – Raffle and Cake Sale	10.00 - 12.00	Village Hall
01/08/26	Coffee & Chat – Raffle and Cake Sale	10.00 - 12.00	Village Hall
23/08/26	BBQ – Details to follow		Village Hall
05/09/26	Coffee & Chat – Raffle and Cake Sale	10.00 - 12.00	Village Hall
October 1 st – 31 st	Village Scarecrow Competition – more details to follow		Throughout the Village
05/09/26	Coffee & Chat – Raffle and Cake Sale	10.00 - 12.00	Village Hall
24/10/26	Harvest Supper – 2 course Meal, Raffle & Entertainment	19.00	Village Hall
14/11/26	Oil Lamp exhibition - Refreshments. A beautiful display which also highlight the beauty of our church	TBC	St Mary's Church
05/12/26	Christmas Fayre & a visit from Santa		Village Hall
16&17 /12/26	Carols around the village – time to be confirmed		

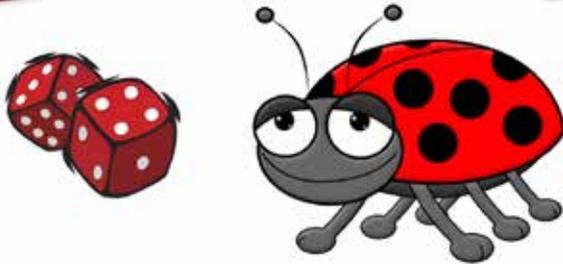
If anyone would like to help out at the coffee mornings or bake cakes please do get in touch with me (Jane) on 07780 787842

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please use the Prayer Boxes found in all the benefice churches or email midloesprayer@gmail.com



BEETLE DRIVE



You are invited to a Beetle Drive
at Dallinghoo Village Hall
on Saturday 9th May 2026
Time tbc approx. 6pm

This wonderful evening of family fun which
will include a Chilli (not spicy)/Bolognese
and jacket potato supper and a sweet treat.

Adults £7, children under 12 £3.50

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See you there!

Photos from around the Benefice



READINGS & CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2026

Church	April 2 nd	April 3 rd	April 5 th	April 12 th	April 19 th	April 26 th
	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday	2 nd Sunday of Easter	3 rd Sunday of Easter	4 th Sunday of Easter
	Red	Red	White	White	White	White
Ashfield	X	X	Service at Earl Soham	4pm Evening Prayer VB		8.30am Holy Communion KM
Charsfield with Debach	X	X	9.30am Holy Communion Service with Dallinghoo GB	X	10am BENEFICE SERVICE followed by APCMs Refer to Page 5 for details GB	X
Cretingham	7pm Stripping of the Altar WG	X	9.30am Holy Communion Service with Letheringham WG	10am Morning Prayer AG		X
Dallinghoo	X	X	Service at Charsfield	10am Holy Communion GB		10am Morning Prayer KM
Earl Soham	X	9.45am Walk of Witness Meet at The Green and process to the church All-Age Worship GB	11am Holy Communion Service with Ashfield GB	10am All-Age Worship WG		10am Morning Prayer GB
Hoo	X	X	Service at Monewden	8.30am Holy Communion GB		8.30am Morning Prayer GB
Letheringham	X	X	Service at Cretingham	X		X
Monewden	X	2pm Hour at the Cross KM +WG	11am Holy Communion Service with Hoo KM	10am Holy Communion KM		10am All-Age Worship WG

Date	Readings	Psalm
April 5th Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	118:14-24
April 12th	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 John 20: 19-end	16
April 19th	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Luke 24:13-35	116:1-7
April 26th	Acts 2:42-end John 10:1-10	23

Key to Service Leader:

GB = Revd Gary Best;
KM = Revd Kathleen Martin;
WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay;

AG = Alister Gourlay, Lay Elder;
CW = Churchwarden;
VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.





Church	May 3 rd	May 10 th	May 17 th	May 24 th	May 31 st
	5 th Sunday of Easter	6 th Sunday of Easter	7 th Sunday of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
	White	White	White	White	White
Ashfield		6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	8.30am Holy Communion KM	X	X
Charsfield with Debach		X	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer KM
Cretingham		10am Morning Prayer WVG	10am Holy Communion WG	X	10am Morning Prayer AG
Dallinghoo	10am Benefice HC Rev'd Katy Cunliffe		10am All-Age Worship KM	X	10am Holy Communion GB
Earl Soham		10am All-Age Worship GB	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer WVG	X
Hoo		8.30am Holy Communion GB	X	8.30am Morning Prayer GB	X
Letheringham		X	X	X	X
Monewden		10am Holy Communion KM	X	10am All-Age Worship KM	6.30pm Evening Prayer KM

Date	Readings	Psalm
May 3rd Benefice Service	Acts 7:55-end John 14:1-14	31:1-5
May 10th	Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21	66:7-end
May 17th	Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11	68:1-10
May 24th Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23	104:26-end
May 31st Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13:11-end Matthew 28:16-end	8





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Hoo

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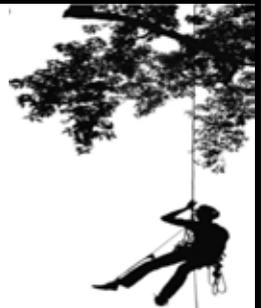
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ST MARY'S ALTAR AND ROLL OF HONOUR FLOWERS AND BRASSES ROTA

April 2026	Mrs Lebus (Flowers from 4 th April)
May 2026	Mrs Stott
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Are there any more flower arranging enthusiasts out there who can help us show some love to our beautiful church?

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EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB

Earl Soham Bowls Club is a friendly club where the emphasis is on enjoying the game. Members will be playing every Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm from 18th April until 19th September 2026 at the bowling green (opposite John Hutton Butchers).



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Open Garden and Concert

Sunday 14th June 2026

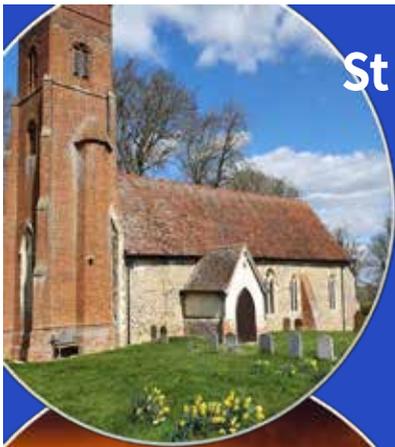
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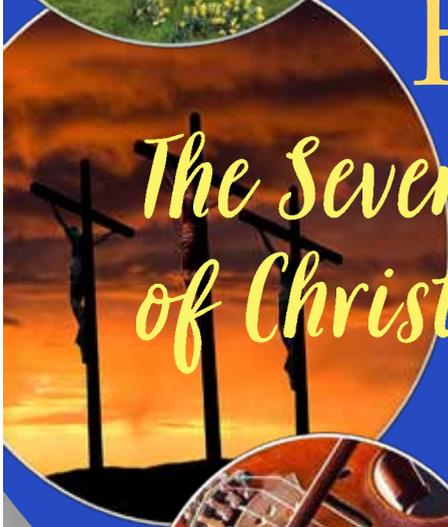
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*A performance in the church
by a string quartet of*



Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross*



Good Friday
3rd April 2026
4.30pm

Followed by a glass of wine and refreshments

Donations to Hoo Parochial Church Council welcomed

Hoo PCC extend their grateful thanks to Graham Nicholson for arranging this event



HOO NOTES

HOO HALL OPEN GARDEN 14 JUNE 2026

Graham Nicholson is again kindly opening his lovely garden to raise funds for Hoo Church and this will be on the afternoon of Sunday 14 June between 2 and 5.30pm. Full details are on the attached flyer, and for those who have visited before you will see that the usual delicious refreshments, raffle and concert in the church in aid of the Hoo Church Building Trust.

If you have enjoyed Hoo Hall Open Garden in previous years, please come and see us again on 14 June, and tell your friends who haven't experienced this special afternoon so they can enjoy it too. Keep your fingers crossed for fine weather!

On behalf of Hoo PCC, grateful thanks to Graham for his continued support of our special little church, also to Mark and Sonia, in the garden and in the Hall respectively, for all the work they do to make the day a success.



GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT 3 APRIL 2026

A final reminder, for anyone who missed the announcement in the February-March magazine, that there will be a concert in our lovely little church, with a string quartet performing Haydn's "Last Seven Words of Christ on the Cross". This is something else Graham Nicholson has arranged to support Hoo Church and again we are extremely grateful for this Graham.

Please come along and enjoy an hour encompassing two things of beauty, music and a peaceful Suffolk country church and spread the word to friends and family. Donations in aid of Hoo Church are welcomed.



ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (AMP)

AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – 12 MAY 2026

The annual AMP and APCM will be held at Hoo Church, commencing at 2pm. If you live in Hoo, or indeed outside but have an interest in Hoo church, please feel free to come along to these meetings if you are able to. The PCC welcomes the views of parishioners on the church and in return hopefully you will gain an insight into what is involved in running a little country church; it is not as simple as you might think!

One of the matters to be dealt with at the meetings is the election of officers and PCC members for the coming year. If anyone has any nominations for churchwarden or PCC members (having checked that your nominee is willing to serve, of course!) can you please let me have these, my email address is fwhitbread57@gmail.com and full contact details are on the final page of this magazine.

Under Church of England rules, only persons included on the church's electoral roll are able to vote at an APCM and become a PCC member. If you are not on the electoral roll for Hoo but would like to get involved, again please let me know and I will ask our PCC member responsible for our electoral roll to contact you.

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	31 st	David, Lesley.

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SATURDAY CAFÉ

Our next **SATURDAY CAFÉ** will be on Saturday, April 18th and May 16th from 10 a.m. onwards. Real coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, this monthly event is now very popular. The 100 Club prizes for April and May will be drawn at these events.

ROTA

Date	Flowers/Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
April 5	A. Hamilton			
April 12		L. Grier	D. Grier	L. Grier
April 19	J. Vonberg			
April 26		F. Watts & C. Saxby	L. Grier	W. Heath
May 10	C. Saxby	J. Vonberg	J. Dinwiddy	C. Saxby
May 24	F. Watts	W. Heath	W. Heath	L. Grier
May 31		P. Keeble	W. Heath	

FIRS FARM COMMUNION

will held at lunch time, 12 noon, on Thursday, April 9th. The service will be taken by Revd. Kathleen Martin, and takes place on the second Thursday of the month.

Anyone in the Benefice is very welcome to attend.



EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday -

Hour at the Cross - 2pm.

Easter Sunday -

Holy Communion - 11am



BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 9th April and Thursday 14th May
at Firs Farm, Monewden

A reflective Holy Communion service followed by a light lunch to which all are welcome. Please let Revd Kathleen know if you are coming in order to help with planning.

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The PCC is required to hold an APCM at which reports are shared, accounts approved, new members and officers are elected and questions may be asked about any area of the church's ministry.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting and raise questions; only those on the electoral roll may vote in any formal resolutions that might be made.

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Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks -- hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry -- (7)
- 11 'Look, here is -- . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was -- because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the -- apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in -- and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is -- ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not -- ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Benefice Services for April & May

Sunday 19th April St. Peter's, Charsfield - 10am

Sunday 3rd May St. Mary's, Dallinghoo - 10am



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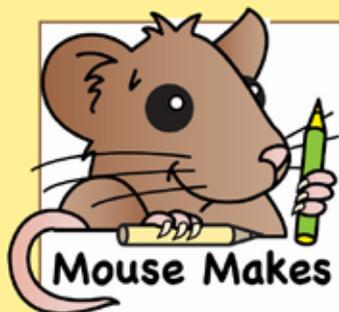
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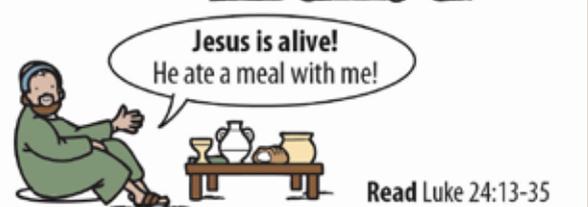
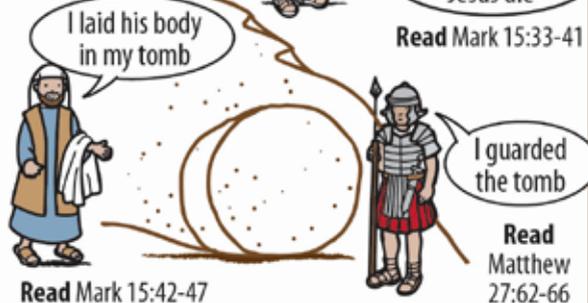
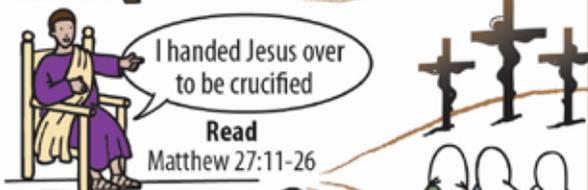
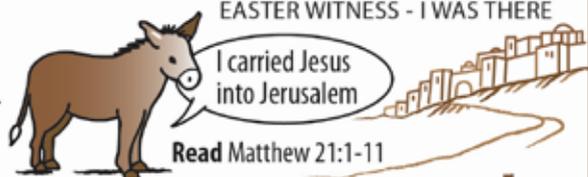
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Crossword Answers:

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

THE DEADLINE for contributions panel
June/July 2026 ISSUE is SUNDAY 17th MAY



Holy Week Services

Monday 30th March – Compline – Earl Soham – 7pm

Tuesday 31st March - Compline – Charsfield – 7pm

Wednesday 1st April – Compline – Letheringham – 7pm

Thursday 2nd April – Stripping of the Altar – Cretingham – 7pm

Friday 3rd April – Walk of Witness – Earl Soham – 9.45am (meet at the Green)

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday – Hour at the Cross – Monewden – 2pm



Easter Sunday Services

Charsfield - with Dallinghoo - 9.30am

Cretingham - with Letheringham - 9.30am

Earl Soham - with Ashfield - 11am

Monewden - with Hoo - 11am

