

## MID LOES BENEFICE

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

**April 2019**

### *From The Rector*

Dear friends

Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It is an intense period for those who take the Christian calendar seriously. Lent is popularly about 'giving something up', though we really want to talk about taking something on - perhaps attending a Lent course, going to a Holy Week service or, for some, reading a devotional book. Easter is the climax of course - the most important festival of the Christian year, though perhaps eclipsed by Christmas in popular culture.

The season should appeal particularly to those who have been going through a difficult time recently for one reason or another. The church's seasons mirror our experiences. We move from the awareness of our own mortality on Ash Wednesday, through the darkness of Good Friday to the triumph of Easter Day, stopping off en route for a bit of light relief on Mothering Sunday, and the important but short-lived celebration of Palm Sunday.

Christians are sometimes described as 'Easter People'. God's raising of Jesus from the dead tells us in whose hands we are held, even in death. The New Testament writers try to spell out what that means, and St Paul in particular uses analogies of seeds and plants to try to convey something of resurrection, but it should be sufficient for us to know that God's love for us is absolute and infinite and doesn't cease, both in life and in death.

With best wishes for Easter.

Stephen

## LENT COURSE

Our Deanery Lent Course has its last two sessions in April, on Wednesday 3rd April, 7:30pm in Dallinhoo Church, and Wickham Market Church on Wednesday 10th April. The speaker on both occasions will be The Very Revd Keith Jones who served at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich, before going on to become Dean of Exeter Cathedral and then Dean of York Minster. He will be speaking about the 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

Charsfield, Hoo and Letheringham have their APCM on Wednesday 24th April 2019, 7:30pm at Charsfield School.

Ashfield, Cretingham and Monewden have their APCM on Thursday 25th April 2019, 7:30pm in Ashfield Village Hall.

Earl Soham have their Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM on Monday 29th April 2019, 7:30pm in Church.

Dallinhoo have their Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM on Tuesday 30th April 2019, 7:30pm in Church.

## NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years Electoral Rolls have to be completely renewed. This means that even if you are already on the ER, you have to fill in a new form. Don't get forgotten! Your ER officer should be in touch with you, but it won't do any harm to ask them for a form first.

## ALL FORMS AND NOTICES

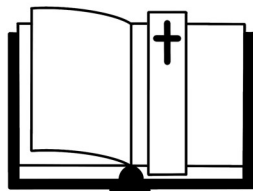
All the forms and notices needed for the annual meetings, along with Electoral Roll forms, can be downloaded for free from: [www.parishresources.org.uk/pcc/apcms/](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/pcc/apcms/)

## VISITATION 2019

After the churchwardens have been elected, they need to be 'sworn in'. This happens at a deanery Archdeacons' Visitation. This year, ours will be at All Saints, Wickham Market, at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st May. All supporters - PCC members or otherwise - will be welcome to attend. If for some reason a churchwarden is unable to attend, he/she should send their apologies to the Archdeacon of Suffolk and arrange to attend one of the other deanery visitations (see diocesan website).

## APRIL BIBLE STUDY

This month's Benefice Bible Study will be held on Tuesday 16th April, 7:30pm at Monewden Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along.



## THANKS

To everyone who attended the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Mary's. We remembered the women of Slovenia through an open invitation for all to come to God's table. Special thanks to Anne Pratt for playing the familiar hymns and some new songs and to Mavis for providing the refreshments. We raised £70 the World Day of Prayer uses to support projects run by Christian charities around the world.

Also a big thank you to all of you who helped me acknowledge my significant birthday both through celebrating with me on the Friday evening and by sending me cards, presents or words of encouragement. It was so good to spend the weekend with not just family but with good friends.

### 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:

Stephen Brian - 01728 685 308

Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285

Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317

Kath Bamford - 01473 737 414

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .

## CRETINGHAM NOTES

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
April	Mrs Sedgewick	Mr & Mrs Defoe
May	Mrs Cobley	Mr & Mrs Runacres

### CELEBRATING EASTER AT ST. PETERS CRETINGHAM:



## EASTER STALL in CHURCH

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019 10 am to 12 noon**

Join us to browse the stalls, have a chat and taste the delicious refreshments on offer. Also –

Raffle for Easter Egg and other prizes

Coffee & Teas and freshly baked refreshments

Homemade pastries, jams and cake stall

Books / Bric-a-bra / Gifts / Plants



## EASTER FLOWERS in Church

Combine your visit with the opportunity to view the marvellous flower displays in each window and on each ledge decorated in the colours of Easter.

*'because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed' (John Ch20 v29)*

### APRIL CHURCH SERVICES in St. Peters Cretingham

7<sup>th</sup> No service at Cretingham please see your magazine for nearest service.

14<sup>th</sup> No service at Cretingham please see your magazine for nearest service.

18<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar 7 pm.

21<sup>st</sup> Easter Holy Communion by extension 10 am.

28<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer with Holy Communion 6.30 pm

### **St. Peters Church Cretingham's Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 commencing at 7pm in Ashfield Village Hall. This is a joint meeting with other churches in our benefice i.e. Ashfield & Monewden. Rev. Stephen Brian will officiate. If you are unable to attend but have something you want to say please let your Churchwardens know.

**Magazine costs** - A very big thank you to those who have already returned their donations towards covering the costs of the monthly Church Magazine. On checking the contents of the 30 envelopes that have, so far, been returned we are still under half-way towards meeting the our £386 share of the overall annual costs.

I would be delighted if more envelopes dropped through the letter-box at Tubric Cottage - or simply email me if you would like it collected it from your house.

Many thanks.

Alister Gourlay ([alister.gourlay@gmail.com](mailto:alister.gourlay@gmail.com))

### **CRETINGHAM, MONEWDEN & HOO PARISH COUNCIL**

Future meeting dates for 2019 are -

9 May

12 September

### **Tactful**

There was once a minister who was determined that things should be done properly during each service, yet he had a great gift for being gentle and tactful.

The congregation often read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm together. One Sunday before they started, he said smilingly: "Oh, may I ask the lady who always arrives at the still waters while the rest of us are in the green pastures, to wait for us this time?"

*Parish Pump*

### **Patricia Jean Lettin**

Over 100 people attended the funeral service at St Peter's Church in Cretingham conducted with sensitivity by the Reverend Wendy Gourlay on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Patricia Lettin was born in 1932 in a terraced house in East London where the Olympic Park now stands. She and her family were dug out of the rubble from the bombed house during the blitz.

She left school at the age of 14 (the norm in those days) and on the recommendation of her headmaster was employed by a firm of West End solicitors. In a short time she became the personal assistant of the senior Partner, where she remained until after her marriage to a medical student who she had known from before the war, a marriage that lasted for 65 years.

During that time Pat provided constant support and encouragement to her partner, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Bart's and RNOH, and over the years as wife of the Master of a City Livery Company, President of the British Orthopaedic Association and Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons. Where her friendship, kindness, loyalty and charm were appreciated.

The loss of a teenage daughter and a lifetime caring for an autistic son did not deprive two further sons of a sound upbringing or six grandchildren and one great grandson of a caring grand mother.

After retiring to Moat Farm in 1996, Pat very much enjoyed village events, but her attendance gradually became limited as a result of failed spinal surgery, hip joint replacement, diabetes and its vascular and visual complications, rectal cancer and heart failure, which eventually made her house bound but she never once complained.



## BRIDGE DRIVE

*The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew,  
Saxmundham IP17 1LL*

*(50 yards off the A12 just past the petrol station)*

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

*1.45 for 2.00 start*

- *Chicago Bridge - E/W move after each round*
- *Prizes*
- *Raffle*
- *Delicious Home-made Tea*

*Tickets £10 per person*

*For tickets and all enquiries please contact*

*Michael Bizzey*

*01394 382616 or mbizzey@lineone.net*



*All proceeds go to support local Marie Curie nurses*

## EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
APRIL	Mrs Edmundson	Mrs Tinkler
MAY	Mrs Cotton	Mrs Stoter
Any problems phone Lyn—685278		

### Earl Soham Parish Council

#### A Thank You

At a recent Parish Council Meeting, all Councilors, wanted to express their thanks on behalf of the village to two particular contributors to the village.

#### Village Green Christmas Tree

For the last few years Tim Bater at Walnes Seeds have been very generous in donating a Christmas Tree for the village green, which we have subsequently decorated and lit up for everyone to see and enjoy. With the many positive comments and responses given to the Councilors every year we wanted to thank Warnes Seeds for their kind and thoughtful contribution. It has certainly helped to add to the festive spirit at the centre of our village.

#### Protection of the green by The Victoria

Through the Parish Council, the village have been happy for the patrons of The Victoria to use the green in front of the pub to enjoy their food and drink whilst watching the world go by in the village. Recently, the posts that protect the green have seen to be eroded to the point whereby they needed to be replaced. John Bjornson, brewer of the famous Vic beer and owner of the pub kindly volunteered to replace the posts free of charge. Again the Councillors wished to thank John, on behalf of the village, for his very kind and generous contribution to the upkeep of the village. Long may we all enjoy using The Victoria which adds so much to village life.



Earl Soham WI



Our next meeting, at 7.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April is an 'Open Meeting' so do come along and meet the members of your local Women's Institute. Andy Hulme will be bringing along, and talking about, Owls. It promises to be a very interesting and entertaining evening.

Light refreshments will be provided.

New members are always welcome. If you join the WI you can look forward to making a lot of new friends as well as enjoying talks on all sorts of subjects from antiques and auction rooms, to climate change on the Suffolk coast.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of every month, except August, at Earl Soham Village Hall.

We hope to see you there.

WI Secretary: Mrs Daphne Dale 01728 621292

### **Vacancy for Secretary at Earl Soham Village Hall Committee**

The current secretary will be resigning at the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> April and we are looking for a replacement.

If you are interested and would like further information please contact the present secretary Anne Pratt on 01728 685745.

Thank you

## **SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL EARL SOHAM VIL- LAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 5.00PM FOLLOWED AT 6.30 BY THE FILM HOT FUZZ**



## **A DARK COMEDY STARRING SIMON PEGG**



## EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB

Established 1789



**Our 230<sup>th</sup> birthday season begins on Saturday,  
20th April at 2.30 p.m.**

Why not join us in this celebratory year? If you are an absolute beginner or wishing to return to bowls please feel free to come along for an informal session on the above date or on any of the following four Saturdays - you will be most welcome.

Spare woods will be available - just be sure to wear flat-soled footwear.

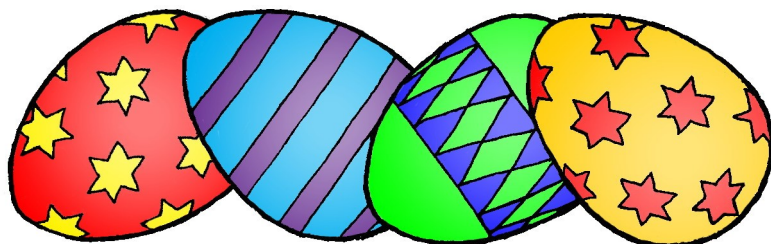
*Free coffee or tea will be served to all visitors*

More detailed information about the club is available from

Pam Sykes, Secretary,

who can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 01728 685519 or e-mail: pamrogsykes@aol.com



## **Earl Soham School Pupils take part in RSPB Schools' Garden Birdwatch**

On Monday 28th January pupils of Earl Soham Primary School braved the cold, put on their hats and coats, and took it in turns to stay very still and count birds for the RSPB Garden Birdwatch. Armed with bird spotter books, binoculars and overwhelming enthusiasm the children were soon pointing out birds to Mrs Exton (Eco-schools co-ordinator) who quickly noted them down as they flew in to help themselves to the range of bird treats generously provided by parents. After 1 hour, which involved 42 children taking it in turns to watch for 10 minutes at a time, 9 different species had been spotted; this included 10 long-tailed tits that thrilled the children with their gradual increasing appearance.  
Mrs Exton

The Children in Yellow Class then wrote some 'Just So stories' about the birds that they saw. An example is shown below:

Once upon a time a very long time ago, I mean a very, very long time ago, all the birds in the world were blind. That meant they couldn't hunt and would soon go extinct. God was very worried so he called his people to collect the birds and bring them to him. God took all the birds and used his magic and gave them vision but he couldn't do that to the blue tits, so he gave them spectacles that they put on and were eventually printed onto their skin. Now they wear contact lenses!



By George Goymer

Year 4

### **DATES:**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm** – 'Who Made My Clothes?' PTFA talk by The Right Project founder, Roxanne Houshmand-Howell

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last day of Spring Term

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – First day of Summer Term for pupils

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Jumble Sale. Donations of clothes would also be very welcome if you are doing a spring clean of your wardrobes

## **EARL SOHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As everyone working, living with and helping Year 6 children will be only too well aware, the dreaded Key Stage 2 SATs are looming in May. It is a stressful time for all involved. A survey in the Guardian in 2017 reported that 8 out of the 10 primary school leaders interviewed reported marked increase in anxiety, panic attacks and sleeplessness amongst pupils.

Whilst SATs are important they are not the 'be all and end all' and that all that is required of the children is that they do the best they can. It is good to note that under the forthcoming OFSTED framework far more emphasis is being put on progress and less on absolute outcomes. I think most of us would say 'about time' – it is the whole child that matters not the outcome of one test on one particular day.

Children need to feel prepared but at Earl Soham we do not believe in teaching to the exams but try to encourage a wide and creative curriculum. We try to take some of the strain out of the process by making children familiar with the way the exams work in advance so that, on the day, it does not come as a bolt from the blue. It has been shown that the level of stress a child feels is inversely proportional to the outcome, so keeping the whole exercise relatively low key both at home and at school is important. In surveys many children have said that the fear of letting their parents/teachers down is one of the greatest causes of anxiety. We all need to reassure them and convey as little of any anxiety we may feel as possible. Children are very perceptive and will pick up on it.

Whilst it is stating the obvious – sleeping and eating well really do help as does talking through any specific worries or concerns a child may have.

In summary (from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>)

Watch for signs of stress. ...

Make sure your child eats well. ...

Help your child get enough sleep. ...

Be flexible during exams. ...

Help them to study. ...

Talk about exam nerves. ...

Encourage exercise during exams. ...

Don't add to the pressure.

And good luck to all!

(Apologies for omitting the Birdwatch article last month - Ed)

## ***CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES***

### ***Church Rotas***

Date	Readers	Sides person
<b><u>Mothering Sunday</u></b> <b>March 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00am</b>	<b>Family Service at Dallinghoo</b> <b>All Welcome</b>	
<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b> <b>April 14<sup>th</sup> 9.50am St Peter's Close</b> <b>10.00am BHC</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> <b>All Welcome</b>	
<b><u>Easter Day</u></b> <b>April 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>	Sarah Ros	Ros
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	Sheila Antony	Antony

### ***Cleaning Rota for April***

April 7th	14th	21st	28th	May 5th
No Cleaning	Sarah	Ros Lucy	Angela Joyce	No Cleaning

### ***Flower Rota for April***

6th & 13th April	20th & 27th	4th & 11th May
Lent - No Flowers	Easter - Everyone	Angela Farmer

### **COFFEE ROTA**

April	Sheila
May	Margaret
June	Pauline

### St Peter's Church Fabric Fund - Diary Notes



**Friday 17 May 10am – 12noon Coffee Morning** at Hill Farm – tea/coffee and cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac, jams, pickles and raffle. If you can help by baking a cake or cakes, donating bric-a-brac, books, making jams or pickles, please let Pauline (737517) or Margaret (737182) know. Please also let us know if you would like us to collect. Gluten-free cakes will be very much appreciated.

**Saturday 1 June** Please come and see us at the **Big Raffle** at Charfest

#### THE ENVELOPE SCHEME

The Envelope Scheme which I described in the previous magazine comes into operation this month, with the first envelope dated 7th April. However, you can join the scheme whenever you like and start using the envelopes. Do feel free to pick up your box of envelopes from the table near the font. SB

#### CHARSFIELD FLOWER SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**JULY 20th 2019.**

Categories, PINK. FUNGI. BRIDGES. SUFFOLK SKY.

COLOUR PHOTO OF YOUR CHOICE .

LETTER BOX OR POST BOX.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT. PETS.

BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO OF YOUR CHOICE.

Get your camera out and start snapping.

#### CHARSFIELD AND DALLINGHOO W.I.

The next meeting will be on Monday April 8th at 7.45pm at Dallinghoo Village Hall when Mary Ann Bartlett will be speaking about Art Safari. New members always welcome.



## SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

14<sup>TH</sup> April

9am to 12 noon

Charsfield Village Hall



Bacon Baps – Sausage Baps – Sausage Rolls –  
Scones Cakes and Pastries

Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate

The Sunday papers and a good chat

*Easy like Sunday morning!*

Come and Join us – all profits to Charsfield Recreation Ground





## Charsfield Baptist Chapel

### Sunday services

11am each week

### Coffee Pot

Every Tuesday from 10-12

At the chapel hall



There is a warm welcome for all. We hope you can join us.

Further information available from:

Mary Rowe on 01728 582243

**Easter Services** Good Friday 10.30am. Easter Sunday 11.00 am.

Both services will be taken by Mr. John Green.

**Personal prayer** The chapel is open each morning, Monday - Saturday for personal prayer between 9.30 and 10.30am.

### Singalong Suppers

#### Friday 3rd May

Held once a month in the Chapel hall. We start each evening at 6.30pm with something of general interest for half an hour. We then enjoy a buffet meal together. This is followed by a 'singalong' of hymns and songs at 8pm, finishing at 9pm. Do come and join us - you will be most welcome.

### Old as taxes

As a new tax year gets underway, did you know that the men who collect our taxes are working in one of the oldest professions known? Archaeological evidence dating from 1900 BC includes a clay tablet recording a tax for public works and a papyrus scroll which reveals that even 4,000 years ago, tax-payers had some complaints. No surprise there! *(From Optimist magazine.)*

Parish Pump



## Interested in playing tennis in Charsfield?

The Club operates a **Household Scheme**, so after signing up, all members of your household can play.

The household scheme is just **£30.00** for the year.

If you would like to come along to play with other members we have a **Club Night** on a **Monday**, these are fun and informal and a great way to play friendly tennis

The first Club Night of the season is planned for 15th April, starting at 6.30pm.

If you wish to join Charsfield Tennis Club for the new season (1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020) please email

[charsfieldtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charsfieldtennis@yahoo.co.uk)



### **Charsfield CE Primary School wins £2,500 worth of books in local promotion.**

A small rural primary school has won one of 4 prizes to claim £2,500 worth of books for their children. Charsfield CE Primary School, just 3 miles outside of Wickham Market, entered the 'Books for Schools' competition run by the East Anglian Daily Times/Ipswich Star. The school enlisted parents, families, neighbours and the local village community to collect the tokens printed in the 2 daily newspapers. The tokens were counted and Archant used the average collected number of tokens per pupil to find their 4 winners. Charsfield managed to collect an amazing amount for their total of just 46 pupils.

Mrs Amie Reeve, Head of School said, "We wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who collected the tokens for us – it really goes to show that, with lots of help from our parents, relatives and village community, as a small school we can win such a lovely prize for our children. Pupils from the School Council will now be involved in deciding which books to purchase with this amazing prize."

In the meantime, the school has just signed up to the current newspaper promotion collecting tokens to aim to gain 'Lego for Schools'. Any kind donations of tokens would be gratefully received.

The school, which currently has spaces available, warmly welcomes visits to the school. Please telephone the school office on 01473 737347 to book an appointment.



### ***SERVICES FOR APRIL 2019***

Church	April 7 Lent 5 <i>Purple</i>	April 14 Palm Sunday <i>Red</i>	Holy Week <i>Th: White Fri: Red Eve: None</i>	April 21 Easter Day <i>White</i>	April 28 Easter 2 <i>White</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	6.30pm Evening Prayer	↓	Good Friday 10am Meditation	8am Holy Communion	---
Chars field w. Debach	---	9.50 Meet 10am Benefice Holy Communion	---	10am Holy Communion	10.am Morning Prayer
Cretingham	---	↑	Maundy Thur 7pm Holy Communion & Strip	10am Holy Communion By Ext	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	6.30pm Evening Pray- er & Holy Communion	↑	---	10am Holy Communion	---
Earl Soham	10.am Morning Prayer	↑	Good Friday 9.45am Walk 10am Service	10am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service
Hoo	8.30am Holy Communion	↑	---	8.30am Holy Communion	8.30am Morning Prayer
Monewden	10am Holy Communion	↑	Good Friday 12 noon Meditation	10.30am Holy Communion	10am Family Service
Letheringham	---	↑	---	---	---

## READINGS FOR APRIL 2019



	Holy Communion	MP or EP	Psalms
April 7	Philippians Ch 3 vs 4b-14 John Ch 12 vs 1-8	Isaiah Ch 43 vs 16-21 John Ch 12 vs 1-8	Psalm 126
April 14	Philippians Ch 2 vs 5-11 Luke Ch 23 vs 13-25		Psalm 118 vs 19-23
April 21	Acts Ch 10 vs 34-43 Luke Ch 24 vs 1-12		
April 28	Acts Ch 5 vs 27-32 John Ch 20 vs 19-end	Acts Ch 5 vs 27-32 John Ch 20 vs 19-end	Psalm 118 vs 14-end
May 5th	Acts Ch 9 vs 1-20 John Ch 21 vs 1-19	Acts Ch 9 vs 1-20 John Ch 21 vs 1-19	Psalm 30

**The Benefice Rogation Service on  
Sunday 19 May  
Will be hosted by  
St. Mary's, Earl Soham  
All Welcome**

## MONEDDEN NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning	Sides person	Coffee
April 7th	S Kingston	M Skeet L Grier	W Heath	L Grier
14th	M Gibson		<b>PALM SUNDAY BENE- FICE HOLY COMMUN- ION 10AM. MEET AT ST PETERS CLOSE 9.50AM.</b>	
19th Good Friday			B Martin	
21st Easter Sunday	M Skeet	F Watts C Saxby	D Grier	M Skeet
2th	J Coe		P Keeble	W Heath

**READERS:** Apr. 7 Caroline, Brian; 14 Benefice; 19 Good Friday; 21 Peter, James; 28 Family Service

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 10 a.m. onwards. Do come along for a bacon roll, a cup of tea or coffee and a good chat, as these events are well supported. The 100 Club draw will also take place during the morning.

**100 CLUB WINNERS:** February: £25 Mrs. P. Grier, £15 Mrs. Jo Hubbard, £10 Stuart Clarke.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** The service this year will be held on April 19 at 12 noon, and will take the form of 'An Hour at the Cross', with music, prayers and meditation. After the service we are planning a fish and chip lunch in the village hall. If you would like to join us for lunch please order by phoning Alison Pearce on 01473 737155 by Wednesday, 17th April..

**LOCAL HISTORY:** As our booked speaker was unavailable to attend the March meeting our secretary Dave Steward stepped in at short notice and gave a very interesting and informative talk about the life and times of the Fitzwilliam family. Our final meeting of the season on April 10 will see Mr. David Lilley give a talk on P. G. Wodehouse.

**MONEWDEN SPRING SALE** this year will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 10.30 a.m. to mid-day. in the village hall. There will be numerous stalls and refreshments. You will also be able to buy bedding plants and tomato plants from us at bargain prices!

**CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP:** The annual clear-up this year will be on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. Anyone who can turn up on the day for a couple of hours with a strimmer will be most welcome.

#### **The Monewden Village Hall**

Committee would like to express their thanks and gratitude to a few members who have decided to retire from the committee after MANY years! Perry, alongside Margaret and Neville have whole heartily supported the fundraising, maintenance and organisation of the village hall and contributed in many other ways, fully involving themselves over the years. We would like to share our best wishes to them and express that their efforts and support will be missed!



**Save the date:** Monewden and Hoo are starting a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Our first 'event' is going to be a talk from P C Green about crime prevention: all residents are welcome to attend on Saturday 19th May in the village hall, the talk will take place during the Saturday Cafe. More information to follow next month. It is hoped that this talk will start off the new initiative and you will find the scheme beneficial and informative. Thanks. Richard Chenery and Sian Kingston Neighbourhood Watch representatives.

#### **HOO NOTES**

##### **ENA LOWIN, RIP.**

We were sorry to hear that Ena had passed away, but now she is with Patrick, she was so good to us in Hoo, being our secretary for many years. Also taking our Sunday services. May she now rest in peace. We should thank Wendy for all the years she has helped and taken Ena out and looked after her welfare, she was a very good friend to Ena.

*Margaret Doe*

#### **THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX!**



Did you see the item in the paper about the local man who saw people stealing stuff from his garden shed?

He rang the police and asked them to arrest the thieves, but was told they were too busy, advising him to stay indoors and lock the door.

He waited a short while, then rang the police again. This time he told them they needn't bother to come as he'd just shot the intruders.

Within minutes several police cars arrived outside his house and the thieves were arrested.

Good thinking!





DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

At the end of February, I was delighted to welcome a delegation of farmers from Suffolk, all of whom were attending as part of a group of National Farmers' Union (NFU) members, led by Suffolk County Chairman, Glenn Buckingham.

A special meeting was held in Westminster, where the farmers were able to directly put across their concerns collectively to Suffolk's MPs. Not surprisingly, most expressed concern about how agricultural policy will be affected as Britain draws ever closer to leaving the European Union. Other shared concerns included tariffs, animal welfare standards, food traceability, environmental practice, food production costs, availability of seasonal and migrant labour and the future of water abstraction licenses.

Alongside my Parliamentary colleagues, I also heard first-hand members' concerns about the recent increase in illegal hare-coursing, resulting in significant trespass and damage to land and property. Often perceived as a low-key activity, hare-coursing is a highly organised, lucrative affair, with high stakes and organised gambling. The Government is clear that responsibility for tackling this issue lies with local police forces and commendably, Suffolk Constabulary are doing all that they can to tackle this issue head on. I remain keen to support the farming community in their pursuits to stop this cruel, illegal and barbaric practice, and I will continue to do all that I can to support them in the fight against rural crime. My colleagues and I were also urged to support NFU-proposed amendments to the Agriculture Bill, which would put food production front and centre of future Government policies and ban imports of food produced in ways that would be illegal, or to lower standards than those required of British farmers. We already know that Britain is a world-leader in high standards of animal welfare, environmental protection and food safety and quite rightly, Suffolk's farmers voiced their concerns about not allowing food to be imported into this country post-Brexit which may compromise those standards.

Central Suffolk and North Ipswich is a predominantly rural constituency and with so many jobs being dependent on the agricultural sector, I am a great supporter of our local farmers and regularly meet with the NFU and the farming community to keep abreast of the important work being carried out across this sector. It's always helpful to hear first-hand the challenges faced and to offer my help in raising awareness or addressing their concerns when necessary.

For more information please visit my website [www.drdanielpoulter.com](http://www.drdanielpoulter.com)

## ***ASHFIELD NOTES***

### **SERVICE PATTERN.**

You will notice some variations to the routine service pattern over the next few weeks to accommodate special services and Easter please refer to the centre pages for the current programme.

### **EASTER 2019.**

There will be two services at Ashfield over the Easter weekend. On Good Friday at 10am there will be a Meditation. On Easter morning we celebrate the risen Christ with a service of Holy Communion at 8am. We look forward to welcoming you to either or both of these or any of our regular services.



### **LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019.**

Polling Day is 2nd May when we have a chance to vote for representatives to the District Councils. This is also the year that all Parish Councillors have to seek re-election. Sadly more often than not there are fewer candidates for this tier of local government than there are seats so no voting is required! Your polling card will tell you what ballots you are able to vote in.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2019.**

The combined APCM for Monewden, Cretingham and Ashfield takes place on Thursday 25th April in Ashfield at 7.30pm followed by individual meetings for parish specific matters. This meeting is open to anyone who is listed on the Church Electoral Rolls for the parishes concerned and you are encouraged to attend.

### **PEA STICKS.**

At the time of writing I still have a few bundles of pea sticks available. I am offering these in exchange for a donation towards church funds.

### **ENA LOWIN RIP.**

I learned this morning that Ena Lowin has died. For a number of years Ena edited this magazine and on occasions also lead services at Ashfield. Her health of late had not been good so now she is at peace. We send our sympathies to her family at this sad time

RG.



## LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

I am delighted to announce that Letheringham now has a fully-functioning PCC including a churchwarden. They will be formally elected at the annual meeting on 24th April 2019 at Charsfield School (see above). Letheringham Church will re-open as a 'Festival Church' with about half a dozen services a year. The 'official' re-launch will be at the Benefice Service at Letheringham on 7th July, though there will be a service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 12th May at 10am. Plans are already underway for fundraising social events and I'm sure other parishes will be keen to help their 'sister' church in the benefice get up and running.



### MONTHLY STITCHING SESSION.....

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Look forward to you joining us.

Thank you for the understanding over the last 3 months when I have had to cancel for personal reasons - Looking forward to seeing you all again in April.

## DALLINGHOO NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sides people
April 7th 6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Holy Communion Readers TBC	S West
10am 14th	<b>BENEFICE PALM SUNDAY AT CHARSFIELD, MEETING IN ST PETERS CLOSE AT 9.50AM, SERVICE IN CHURCH STARTS AT 10AM. ALL WELCOME</b>	
10am 21st	<b>EASTER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION</b> C Sullivan S West	C Sullivan

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

TBC

### Church Opening and Closing

TBC

### CHURCH WORKING PARTY, 13 APRIL, 10AM—12PM

All volunteers welcome to assist in getting the churchyard ready for the Summer. Please bring your own tools—refreshments will be provided.



### DALLINGHOO MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND APCM

#### 7.30PM, 30TH APRIL, CHURCH VESTRY

The main purpose of this meeting is to elect Churchwardens, but as usual we will use this opportunity to update all on the church's activities. This will include the highlights of the past year and also plans for the next including details of the much needed repairs on the church.

### **DEANERY LENT SESSION, 3 APRIL, 7.30PM, DALLINGHOO CHURCH**

A short service followed by a lent talk by The Very Revd. Keith Jones, formally Archdeacon of York.

### **THANK YOU**

We would like to say big thank you to Shaun Saunders for casting and fitting a new concrete slab cover for the church vestry rainwater drains.

### **“DALLINGHOO NEWS”**

I don't know if many people in the village have noticed but the oldest Oak tree on the opposite side of the recreation ground is no longer standing. The high winds on 14th March have laid it to rest.



### **OUR CHURCH NEEDS REPAIRING**

The latest survey of St. Mary's Church in Dallingham has shown that we need to do a lot of urgent work to preserve the building. The biggest jobs are to replace the nave guttering and to repair and re-point the outside walls. The programme is likely to cost around £50,000, so please watch for a number of fundraising activities and get involved as much as possible!

So please SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 31ST FOR A BARN DANCE AT BREDFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### **LEN ARBON**

The donations given in Len's memory for the Woolverston McMillan Centre was £1599.50. This is an incredible amount and reflects the respect and generosity of you all for the man and the cause.

Len always had time to help others and worked for many years in and outside the church. He is missed by so many and especially his family. Our thanks to you all.

Sue and family.

## **Dallingham**

### **Parish Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 24th April 7.30pm 2019 in the Jubilee Hall**

**On the agenda will be:**

**Dallingham Energy Project (Spalls) – update**

**Report on the appeal for £50K for St Marys Church repairs.**

## **DALLINGHOO VILLAGE HALL EVENT**

### **DALLINGHOO FROM THE AIR - A DRONE'S VIEW**

**Monday 15 April 2019**

David Mortimer will be giving a presentation of his work and discussing his drone equipment and the training and regulations involved in using drones safely in the UK. There will be a demonstration of drone flying after the event if weather permits. Doors open at 6.30 for 7.00pm start and light refreshments will be provided after the presentation. Entrance on the door £5.00 per head. Proceeds to be divided between the church fabric fund and the village hall.

Further details: Robert Blake: [Robertblake161@gmail.com](mailto:Robertblake161@gmail.com)

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## DEBBIE SPALL

Hi, I live in Dallingham and In May I am hoping to do a 100km ultra challenge walk from London to Brighton. Having suffered from mental health issues for a number of years I am doing this to raise money for MIND. I wanted to be able to raise some money and give something back, to raise awareness and get rid of the stigma attached to mental health. I have a target of £750 to secure my place, and would be grateful for any donations, to such a worthy cause. The link to my Just Giving page is - [http://www.justgiving.com/Debbie-Spall1?utm\\_id=121](http://www.justgiving.com/Debbie-Spall1?utm_id=121) I can also accept cash donations which can be left with reception at D.J.SPALL in Dallingham.

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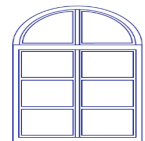
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LOTS • DICE

### Into Jerusalem

read Matthew 21:1-11  
DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA

**B R A N C H E S S E T S**

C	E	L	O	R	D	O	N	K	E	Y	H	K	O		
A	L	T	S	K	M	E	S	S	I	A	H	J	B	O	G
T	I	R	S	C	U	P	A	S	S	O	V	E	R	A	E
W	A	A	K	J	E	A	N	O	S	W	I	N	E	C	T
E	M	Y	M	E	A	L	N	N	O	Q	U	B	A	C	H
L	W	R	O	A	D	M	A	N	B	L	O	O	D	U	S
V	I	S	L	C	K	S	C	R	O	S	S	D	A	S	E
E	T	U	Q	O	Y	C	R	U	C	I	F	Y	A	E	M
D	H	D	E	A	T	H	O	R	N	S	N	U	T	D	A
I	Y	M	I	T	G	R	W	M	A	R	Y	C	H	Y	N
S	O	F	V	S	K	I	N	G	I	V	I	T	R	E	E
C	U	P	P	N	Y	S	K	H	L	A	N	G	E	L	R
I	A	R	R	E	S	T	Y	E	S	T	O	N	E	I	O
P	L	M	A	C	K	U	Q	A	B	O	D	Y	D	N	B
L	W	O	Y	G	O	T	U	V	I	M	S	E	A	E	E
E	A	R	O	O	M	O	A	E	Q	B	U	R	Y	N	L
S	Y	N	K	D	A	R	K	N	E	S	S	A	S	D	O
K	S	I	P	E	A	C	E	N	J	S	P	I	R	I	T
I	W	N	J	G	O	O	D	N	E	W	S	S	T	C	S
T	O	G	O	T	E	L	L	A	S	O	N	E	T	E	S
A	B	Y	S	A	V	I	O	U	R	S	D	U	C		
P	R	A	I	S	E	A	S	T	E	R	R				

**Burial and Resurrection**  
read Matthew 27:57-28:20  
TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

