

## MID LOES BENEFICE

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

February 2019

### From The Rector

Dear friends

If someone called on you on the first day of February and they found you still had your Christmas decorations up they would probably think you were a bit eccentric to say the least. Yet our cathedrals and some of our braver parish churches would still have their nativity scenes at least on display. That is because the season of Christmas and then Epiphany continue until the second of February, when Candlemas arrives, and with it a new season.

'Candlemas' is a slightly archaic term these days, and the Christian calendar often refers to it as 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple'. It commemorates the event which, according to Luke's Gospel, took place forty days after Jesus's birth, as the Jewish law required. It also involved the 'purification' of Mary his mother - something which all Jewish women had to go through following childbirth.

Where the rite is kept, as the name implies, it involves a lot of lighted candles being blessed and processed, and the celebration of the Mass. These days we're not generally so keen on these 'purification' rites and focus more on thanksgiving for the gift of a child. A safe birth often prompts instinctive feelings of thankfulness - perhaps towards the medical staff in particular who have facilitated the delivery. For some, that healthy instinct goes even further and thanks God simply for the gift and mystery of life itself. That must surely be worth the lighting of a candle.

Best wishes

Stephen

## BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY

This month's bible study is on Tuesday 19th February, 7:30pm in Monewden Village Hall. Please feel free to join this friendly group, whether you've been before or not. Just bring a bible - any version will do.

SFB

Dear All,

### Significant Birthday

I will be hitting the landmark of 60 this year and will be in Earl Soham Village Hall from 7.30 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone who would like to join me and offer their commiserations or enlighten my thoughts on the joys and sorrows is very welcome. There will be a 70s/80s Disco Revival if you fancy a bop (dad-dancing allowed). Refreshments available but please feel free to bring a bottle (Party 7 plus screwdriver and hammer?). RSVP would be welcome, otherwise just turn up ready to offer words of comfort and enjoy the evening.

Hope to see you there.

Liz (Brian)

[Lizbrian17@aol.com](mailto:Lizbrian17@aol.com)



The church heating fund could only stretch to buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

(A Women led, global, ecumenical movement)

### Come – Everything is Ready!

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone – men, women and children of all ages to join the Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. This year the service will be taking place at St Mary's, Earl Soham at 7 pm on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and services are held throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

I hope that representatives from most of the parishes in the benefice will take part in the service with readings and hope that you will all support them by coming along and hearing more about life in Slovenia.

I will be distributing readings and posters to the parishes at the next Benefice service at Dallinghoo at the beginning of February.

Look forward to seeing you all on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7 pm. Hopefully there will not be a return of the ice and snow this year.

Liz Brian

The Rectory

01728 685308



## EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Mrs Tinkler	
<b>MARCH</b>	Mrs Peacher	
BELATED THANKS FOR ALL THE LOVELY FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS. Any problems phone Lyn—685278		

### THANK YOU

“On behalf of the PCC may I thank all those who responded to our latest village wide appeal through donations and standing orders. Ensuring the day to day running of St Mary's is as vital as looking after the fabric and your responses will help us to do that”.

Chris Pratt

Treasurer

### Earl Soham Christmas Crib Service 2018

We had a wonderful Christmas Eve Crib Service and would like to thank everyone who joined us and made it such a joyous and memorable occasion!

A very special thanks to all the team who helped with costumes, animals, sound and setting-up and an extra thanks to Farm DIY who donated timber for the staging.

However, without the children and their families' support, there would not be a Crib – so a major well-done and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the cast, their families and supporters!

Many thanks and looking forward to Crib 2019!

Jo Reed





## Earl Soham WI

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

There is usually a speaker, and we always enjoy some refreshments as well as social time. This year we have talks on all sorts of subjects from antiques and auction rooms, to climate change on the Suffolk coast and Owls.

New members are assured a warm welcome so why not come along and join in?

Next meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

‘A passion for Speed’, speaker Paul Smiddy talks about the pioneer aviator

Mrs. Mildred Bruce

WI Secretary: Mrs Daphne Dale 01728 621292

## **Extra-Curricular Opportunities at Earl Soham Primary School**

At Earl Soham Primary School we very much believe that education is about providing a wide variety of opportunities to learn. This also involves the provision of opportunities beyond our normal curriculum. Towards the end of the summer term 2018 I was made aware, by a parent, of an opportunity to offer instrumental music tuition. This resulted in a demonstration of several instruments for pupils followed by an information meeting for parents. As is often the case there was a need for parents and pupils to make a firm commitment to the programme which involved some fees along with the cost of obtaining an instrument.

12 pupils from Key Stage 2 took up the offer and the first lessons with their tutor took place shortly after the autumn half term break. All of them have been incredibly enthusiastic and they have been practising regularly at home. Indeed, on the day when their instruments are in school they often use the lunch hour to practice together.

Just before the Christmas break we hold a very popular service in our village church. This year parents, relatives and friends were treated to tunes played by our saxophonists and flutists alongside clarinet and cornet players. It was truly amazing to see just how far they had all progressed in just a few short weeks. As always regular practice and commitment had paid off. Who knows? May be one of them will go on to be a professional musician. Certainly they are developing a true love of music and of being able to play an instrument.

Peter Lambillion-Jameson

Head Teacher

### **DATES:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019: PTFA quiz night** Please contact the school office for details

**w/c Monday 18 February** Half Term

**PTFA:** Look out for another talk, a jumble sale and an Easter fayre.

**ACROSS:** 1, Wage, 3, Cleansed, 9, Plateau, 10, Ready, 11, Did so, 12, Hollow, 14, Unregenerated, 17, Offers, 19, Islam, 22, Is not, 23, Overran, 24, Barracks, 25, Legs.  
**DOWN:** 1, Wiped out, 2, Guard, 4, Laughing-stock, 5, April, 6, Seaport, 7, Days, 8, Belong, 13, Oddments, 15, Refiner, 16, Raided, 18, Extra, 20, Large, 21, Limb.

# SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

## BREATHE



## A HEARTWARMING TALE OF ENDURING LOVE

### CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

#### Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10am BHC	Benefice Holy Communion at Dallinghoo All Welcome	
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Stephanie Pauline	Pauline
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion	Michael Sheila	Sheila

#### Cleaning Rota for February

Feb 2nd	9th	16th	23rd
No Cleaning	Angela Joyce	Sheila Pauline	Stephanie Margaret

#### Flower Rota for February

2nd & 9th Feb	16th & 23rd	2nd March
Joyce Whitley	Sheila Green	Pauline Llewellyn

### St Peter's Church Fabric Fund – Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 May

10am – 12 noon The ever popular **Coffee Morning** at Hill Farm – tea/coffee and cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac, cakes, jams, pickles and raffle

Saturday 1 June

Please come and support our **Big Raffle** at **Charfest**

**Maintenance and repairs to our church are becoming ever more costly and the Fabric Fund badly needs all our support. Please help if you can by supporting these events, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Everyone is most welcome.**

## JOIN THE ENVELOPE SCHEME!

We are very shortly going to launch a new 'Envelope Scheme' in Charsfield. This is to encourage people to give regular financial support to their parish church without having to sign up to anything!

### How does it work?

Everyone who wishes to participate gets their own personal box of 52 offertory envelopes - one for each Sunday of the year, starting on 7th April. These blue boxes will be available in the church throughout March for people to collect and take away. Simply put your offering in a separate dated envelope each week at home, and either bring it/them with you whenever you come to church, or, if you prefer, someone from the church can collect your filled envelopes every few weeks. That's all there is to it! To recoup the initial cost of the envelopes we are asking people to contribute £3 for their box. Each box has its own unique number (from one to twenty) stamped on every envelope so that we know who has them when it comes time for a new set, and also so that those who are able can sign a Gift Aid form to enable us to recoup the tax paid. There will be a sheet next to the boxes for people to write their contact details against their number. We do hope you will join the scheme to help secure the future of your parish church. SFB

### "Mid Loes Benefice Magazine

As we move into 2019 many thanks to the great team who deliver the Parish Magazine and also the Grundisburgh News throughout the year.  
Ros Wilson"

Come and join in our potato growing competition. All containers and potatoes provided.

Cost of entry is £1 per pot.

Collection of pot and potatoes from Mrs Pauline Llewellyn, 6 Peters Close, Charsfield on Friday 22nd of March between 10am and 4pm or Saturday 23rd March between 10am and 12pm.

Judging will take place on Saturday 20th July between 10am and 12pm at the village hall. All pots will be tipped out to reveal your potatoes which will then be weighed. The weight of all your potatoes from your pot will be weighed and recorded. The person with the heaviest crop wins!

Pauline Llewellyn and Maureen Arbon Flower Show Committee Members.



## Charsfield Parish Council Report

### Speeding Sign

Charsfield is now the owner of a flashing speed sign which can be deployed in suitably identified sites around the village. You may have noticed it in operation over the past few days.

Is there an area near you where you think it would be of benefit?

We need people to act as custodians for 1-2 days at a time. This involves securing the sign with a chain and padlock in a suitable location for a few hours at a time and recharging the battery after use. All volunteers will be covered by the Parish Council insurance. Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk on 01473 737655 [Charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com) if you can help or would like further details.

### Grit boxes

There is currently only one grit box in Charsfield which is kindly manned by Phillip Kindred. We are considering the provision of grit boxes where St Peters Close and South View Crescent adjoin The Street. This would cover most areas not included in the council gritting programme but if you have identified other danger areas please contact us and we will investigate.

However, we need volunteers to man the grit boxes. This entails spreading the grit and notifying the parish clerk when they need replenishing. Anyone undertaking these duties will be covered by Suffolk Coastal District Council insurance. If you can help please contact the Parish Clerk on 01473 737655 or email as above.

### Telephone kiosk

We have received a quotation of £1200 for sandblasting and repainting the kiosk in situ. Although this is a very competitive price it represents a large proportion of the precept – your money.

Before we proceed with this work we need to know whether or not it is what the village wants. Numerous appeals have not produced any offers of help from you to carry out the work as a village on a voluntary basis and we have had only two suggestions for its future use: A temporary exhibition area and a book exchange scheme.

The kiosk is an eyesore at the moment and if it is restored the Parish Council want to ensure ease of future maintenance so it needs to be done properly. The alternative will be to sell it and clear the site.

Please respond if you are **either** in favour **or** against this proposal to the Parish Clerk on 01473 737655 or [charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com)



# 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**

'Thank you to all those who attended our carol service on 23rd December and gave so generously. The collection amounted to £200.78, which was divided equally between St Elizabeth's Hospice and EACH.'

Thank you very much,

John Green, The Manse, Charsfield.

### 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 .

## Debach and Boulge WW1 Centenary

On a dry, pleasant winters' afternoon on Sunday the 9th of December, villagers from, and visitors to, Debach gathered at a new site for a service led by Canon Revd. Clare Saunders to dedicate an oak tree to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 and in particular, remembrance of the fallen soldiers of Debach and Boulge.

The position of the oak tree and new handcrafted elm bench are on the cleared site of the old village reading room ( which fell onto disrepair in the 1960s) and apparently is the site of a chapel dating from the early 19th Century.

The site is on the edge of Boulge Parish and borders fields owned by Gressingham Foods. With kind permission of the Buchanan family, the site was identified and indeed the heavy clearing work was undertaken by Gressingham employees. Keith and Julian Banthorp finished clearing and setting out the site, the elm bench was hand carved by Julian.

The service of dedication was led by Clare with readings from villagers ,and ending with a poignant and fitting tribute from Phillip Hunt, born in Boulge and whose father George, knew and talked often of one of the fallen soldiers from Boulge, James Knights.

Tea and cakes at Beaconsfield Cottages ended a memorable occasion.

Plans for a notice board to be erected at the site, with the full names, regiment and resting place of soldiers from Debach and Boulge of both World Wars are under way and hopefully in place by Spring 2019.

Thank you to Clare for leading the service, to Beth Taylor ( Village Chairperson) and Tony Fryatt for their support with the project, and special thanks to Maurice Buchanan, Keith and Julian Banthorp for the planning, the work and completion of the project.

Catherine Banthorp  
Beaconsfield Cottages ,Debach.

We currently have spaces available at 2<sup>nd</sup> Framlingham Brownies for girls aged 7 to 10. Brownies offers exciting new challenges, both indoors and outdoors, the opportunity to try new things and to make new friends.



Come and join in the fun at our Brownie meetings held in Framlingham, early on Monday evenings during term time.

If your daughter is not yet 7 years old but would like to Join Brownies when she is 7, please contact us and we can put her name on our waiting list.

For more information or an informal chat, please phone **Marion** on **01728 684840**

### Be my Valentine?

St Valentine's Day falls on 14<sup>th</sup> February and since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century has been associated with the declaration of love, albeit anonymously. Originally this might be through the offering of sweets or flowers, and now more commonly by the sending of an unsigned card.



One suggestion is that St Valentinus was a Roman Christian who performed weddings for soldiers in the Roman army, even though they were not permitted to marry. According to this story, Valentinus was sentenced to death for his offence, but during his imprisonment prayed for the blind daughter of his judge, who miraculously recovered. Before his execution he left her a note, which he signed 'Your Valentine.'

All of us long to know that we are loved by someone, but declaring our love to another is always a risky business since we may be rejected. They may consider us not attractive enough, or unsuitable in any number of other ways. The pain of unrequited love is indeed great, and so many of us hold back because of the fear of rejection.

One thing we can be sure of, however, is that we are loved by God. He loves us because He made us, and likes us as we are. He loves us because He gave His Son to die for us, and thought we were worthy of such a sacrifice. Here is One who knows everything about us and loves us just the same. His love is unchanging and unending and we need never fear His rejection.

Here is the best declaration of love ever made. God says to you, "I have loved you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3)."

## CRETINGHAM NOTES

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

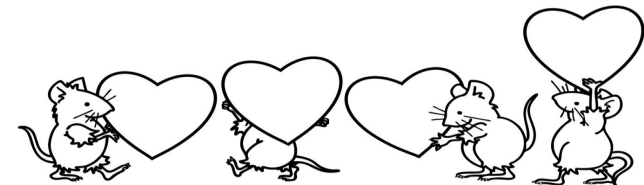
	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
February	As per rota	Mr & Mrs Runacres

A **big thankyou** to everyone who took part over the Christmas period. So lovely to see friends, neighbours and visitors at our Christmas Stall morning which raised £379.00 and a chance to get to see the expertly decorated windows depicting the story of The Three Kings inspired by The Rev. Wendy Gourley's painting of the mountain range in the United States. Our Candlelit Carol Service was packed to the rafters with voices singing and the readings helped us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Many thanks to The Bell for again hosting our Christmas Carol Singing in aid of The Children's Society which raised £145.00. Our service on Christmas Day had Holy Communion by Extension which brought us altogether to celebrate the birth of Jesus in a church which is loved and used in his glory.

### Church Services in St. Peters during February are as follows –

17<sup>th</sup> February 10am Morning Prayer

24<sup>th</sup> February 4pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion



### Some dates for the 2019 diary –

20<sup>th</sup> April EASTER STALL 10am – 12noon in Cretingham Church.

30<sup>th</sup> June ST. PETERS DAY at Cretingham Church.

13<sup>th</sup> July CRETINGHAM FETE on Oak Corner

14<sup>th</sup> September HARVEST SUPPER

15<sup>th</sup> September HARVEST FESTIVAL Service in Cretingham Church

23<sup>rd</sup> November FUNDRAISER EVENT

### PAN TILES AVAILABLE

Redundant rectangular clay pan-tiles - we have about a thousand redundant rectangular clay pan-tiles stored in the churchyard at St Peter's. They came from the south side of the chancel roof. Fair condition with some mortar on most of them. Might cover a good-sized garden shed/outbuilding or be useful as hardcore. Please contact Alister Gourlay (Churchwarden) if you are interested - 01728 685335

Hi

I do the village Poppy collection and wanted to thank Cretingham village for their support and to say the total village collection including door to door, Cretingham Bell and the golf club came to £378.48 . This does not include collection at Church on the 11 th.

Many thanks

Liz Jackson

01728 685224



### CRETINGHAM, MONEWDEN & HOO PARISH COUNCIL

Future meeting dates for 2019 are -

7 March

9 May

12 September

### HOO NOTES

#### CAROL SERVICE

Once again we had a very good carol service, the church was full. Many thanks to Kathleen Martin and Rodger for playing the organ.

The church looked beautiful as always, thanks to all who gave flowers and decorated the church.

#### HELP NEEDED

If anyone could give one or two hours a month to clean the church we would be very grateful for their help, please get in touch with Perry.



#### LEN ARBON

We were all very sad when we heard Len had passed away, he was a very kind and gentle man. The thanksgiving service in Dallinhoo church said it all, we send our love to Sue and family.

#### PRIMROSE TURNER

Known to most of us as Prim. She was such a lovely lady always the same, kind and loving. We send our love to her family on her passing.

*Margaret Doe*

#### SMILE

A little boy was doing his maths homework. He said to himself, "Two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine..."

His mother heard what he was saying and gasped, "What are you doing?"

The little boy answered, "I'm doing my maths homework, Mum."

"And this is how your teacher taught you to do it?" the mother asked.

"Yes," he answered. Infuriated, the mother asked the teacher the next day, "What are you teaching my son in Maths?"

The teacher replied, "Right now, we are learning addition."

The mother asked, "And are you teaching them to say two plus two, that son of a bitch is four?" After the teacher stopped laughing, she answered,

"What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, IS FOUR."





DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

As I sit to write this month's column, it seems hard to believe that Christmas and New Year are already behind us – soon the daily routine of work and school journeys will return and as we look ahead to the New Year, I would like to start in wishing all of you a very happy and healthy New Year.

After enjoying some much needed time at home in Suffolk, I am looking forward to the return of Parliament. Of course, the business of Brexit negotiations look set to dominate the Parliamentary agenda for the foreseeable future, but the day to day business also continues and I am looking forward to continuing to supporting the interests of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich as your Member of Parliament.

By the time this edition comes to print, Parliament will most likely have held its vote on the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement. Whatever the outcome of that vote, I remain optimistic that working together, we can find a positive and successful way forward.

As we embark on a New Year, my priority, as always, is to work hard for residents in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich and the big issues that matter to you. This includes the final push to achieving 100% coverage of superfast broadband. We are getting closer all the time, but there are areas where it remains stubbornly out of reach. The same applies to mobile phone coverage and I am looking forward to hosting a further summit meeting early in 2019 as we look to improve Suffolk's digital infrastructure.

I shall also be working hard with my fellow East Suffolk MPs and County and District Council colleagues to secure the funding for the four-villages bypass along the A12, north of Ipswich, as well as for safety improvements to the A140 near Brome.

I will also continue to champion our food and drink producers and farmers here in Suffolk, working in partnership to help secure the best possible Agriculture Bill and I am very much looking forward to welcoming a delegation from the NFU in Suffolk to Parliament early in 2019.

In partnership with my fellow Suffolk MPs and our local Government colleagues, I shall continue to support our schools and early years' providers and remain committed to making sure that every child here in Suffolk receives the very best start in life.

Finally, I look forward to continuing to support our NHS and local health services as best I can, especially continuing to work with our CCGs as they work to support and enable the delivery of improved mental health services.

Thank you for your support over the last year and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible throughout the coming year.

## News from High Suffolk Rotary See Facebook for more

### Kiitos! *That's "Thank you" in Finnish....* – the language spoken in Lapland...



Many, many thanks from the Rotary elves for turning out in bigger numbers than ever before to say hello to Santa in December. About **£2,000** was raised which will be donated to two charities supporting local children – **Suffolk Family Carers**, and the **Mid Suffolk Holiday Opportunity Play Scheme**.

**THANKS ALSO** to all those who joined us in St Mary's Church, Debenham, for an evening of **Christmas Music** provided by the Ipswich Gilbert and Sullivan Society. **Over £400** was raised for good causes.



### And it doesn't stop there!



Remember our Ceilidh in October? Well, we put the money from that, plus a bit more, into a scheme run by **"The Big Give"** and the UK government

### **"Safe Water And Sanitation For All"**

initiative. The result was a donation of **£2,100** to one of our favourite charities, **Village Water**.



### Meanwhile, on the social front...

We had a great **Christmas Dinner** at our "home pub", the Mill House at Saxtead... and got rid of some of the Christmas Calories with our **Annual New Year's Ramble** to and from the Ramsholt Arms on the River Deben.



### Don't just sit there...

You could be part of this, as a Member, Associate or Friend! Please... get in touch...



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**NHS**

Appointments with a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional are now available in the evenings and weekends, either at your local practice or another nearby NHS service.

Speak to reception or visit [nhs.uk/GPaccess](https://nhs.uk/GPaccess) to find out more.

**HELP US HELP YOU**  
WHEN YOU NEED IT

Lucy Goodeve-Docker, GP

## BOTANICA

the home of British grown trees and plants

### Botanica is expanding!

We have new opportunities for the following:

- Skilled Landscape Operatives
- Experienced Landscape Team Leader
- Experienced Landscape Senior Team Leader
- Experienced Nursery Personnel

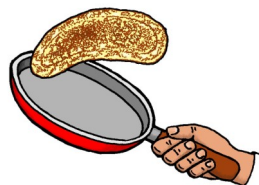
If you have relevant skills we are interested in talking to you. Please see our website for further details.

[www.botanicaplantnursery.co.uk](http://www.botanicaplantnursery.co.uk)

### SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Church	Feb 3 5th Before Lent  <i>Green</i>	Feb 10 4th Before Lent Proper 1  <i>Green</i>	Feb 17 3rd Before Lent Proper 2 <i>Green</i>	Feb 24 2nd Before Lent  <i>Green</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	6.30pm Evening Prayer	---
Chars field w. Debach	↓	---	6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	↓	---	10am Morning Prayer	4pm Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	10am Benefice Holy Communion	3.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Family Service	---
Earl Soham	↑	10.am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service
Hoo	↑	8.30am Holy Communion	---	8.30am Morning Prayer
Monewden	↑	10am Holy Communion	---	---
Letheringham	↑	---	---	---

## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2019



	Holy Communion	MP or EP	Psalms
Feb 3	1 Corinthians Ch 13 Luke Ch 2 vs 22-40		
Feb 10	1 Corinthians Ch 15 vs 1-11 Luke Ch 5 vs 1-11	Isaiah Ch 6 vs 1-8 Luke Ch 5 vs 1-11	Psalm 138
Feb 17	1 Corinthians Ch 15 vs 12-20 Luke Ch 6 vs 17-26	Jeremiah Ch 17 vs 5-10 Luke Ch 6 vs 17-26	Psalm 1
Feb 24	Revelation Ch 4 Luke Ch 8 vs 22-25	Genesis Ch 2 vs 4b-9, 15-end Luke Ch 8 vs 22-25	Psalm 65
Mar 3	2 Corinthians Ch 3 v 12 - Ch 4 v 2 Luke Ch 9 vs 28-43a		

**The Benefice Service on  
Sunday 3rd March  
St. Peter's, Cretingham  
All Welcome**

## DALLINGHOO NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sides people
Feb 3rd 10am	<b>BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, 10AM, DALLINGHOO , ALL WELCOME.</b>	
3.30pm	10th Evening Prayer & Holy Communion	C Sullivan
10am	17th Family Service TBA	Dawn Gill Tina Love

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

26th Jan - 2nd Feb - Barbara

9th - 16th - Sue Truman

23rd Feb - 2nd March - Linda & Di

### Church Opening and Closing

4th - 16th Feb - Jenny

18th Feb - 2nd March - Dawn

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The church was decorated beautifully for Christmas and there was a lot of people at the carol service. It was a lovely service with Carols, readings and the children sang their carols really well.

## THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Peter and Di Turner for the donation of the Christmas tree and some new decorations it was a really lovely tree.

## SOME SAD NEWS

We were all very sorry to hear the sad news of Len Arbon passing away. A very well liked person in the village and the church, our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and her family at this sad time. RIP Len.



Also... the sudden passing of Primrose Turner. Primrose was a big part of Dallinghoo. She had always loved the church and played a big part in it, she had been churchwarden, treasurer and secretary in past years. She was still keeping up with the flowers, cleaning and opening and closing the church to the day she passed. She also like going to church in Monewden and Hoo. She liked to get involved in all the things that were going on in the village, like coffee mornings, dances, bonfire nights, fetes and much more. She will be missed by many. It has been hard to put this piece together as she was my Mother-in-law, neighbor and a good friend, but we know as a family from all the cards and letters we have received how much she was thought of.

Advance notice - Church working party 13 April 10 - 12am

Come and join in for two hours to get the church and churchyard ready for the (hopefully warmer weather. More details next month.

### LEN ARBON

We would all like to say a very big thankyou to the many friends and colleagues who gave Len such a wonderful send off at his thanks giving service on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Dallinghoo Church.

Thanks also to Rev Stephen and Kathleen for the lovely service and Annabel on the organ.

Our love and thanks to you all for your support.

Sue Arbon and family.

### PRIM

All the members of the Dallinghoo carpet bowls group would like to extend their love and sympathy to Peter and Di Turner and all the family on the sudden loss of Prim.

Our carpet bowls club started in 1993, now 25 years ago and Prim was a founding member. She took to playing carpet bowls like a natural and enthusiastic player. For many years she provided coffee break refreshments and organized our finances.

We shall miss her greatly, she was elegant, friendly and welcoming to everyone and we know how much the carpet bowls club meant to her. She especially enjoyed our matches against other clubs and was thrilled when we beat Ufford so resoundingly a few weeks ago.

Prim leaves a big gap in the life of our village and we will remember her with love and affection

Val & Cliff Green

### CARPET BOWLS

Carpet bowls meetings for February will be 13th & 27th at 7.30pm in Dallinghoo Jubilee Hall. Everyone welcome, especially beginners, good fun, gentle exercise. Contact Cliff Green on 01473 737421 for more information.

### POPPY APPEAL

The results of the 2018 Poppy Appeal were:

Dallinghoo: £723.64

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To all those who gave and those who collected, "Thank you!"

Regards  
Jeremy



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## ASHFIELD NOTES

Happy New Year to you all!

### CHRISTMAS 2018.

A big thank you to everyone who came and celebrated Christmas with us. Attendance at both services was well up on previous years! Special thanks are due to all who helped in anyway to make this possible.

### MAGAZINE DONATIONS.

Enclosed with this edition of the magazine is a letter inviting donations towards the cost of the Benefice Magazine along with a 'gift-aid' envelope. Please return these to either Jane at Ashfield Hall or Robert at Corner View. Cheques should be made payable to 'Ashfield PCC' please.

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.

Every six years the Church Electoral Roll has to be renewed, 2019 is the year for that. Jane Davidson our Electoral Roll Officer will be contacting all existing members in due course. If you are not already a member and would like to be added to the list please contact Jane at Ashfield Hall.

### PEA STICKS.

As the result of some clearing in my garden I have a reasonable quantity of pea stick. They come in bundles of 25 or so pieces for which I am inviting donations of £6 per bundle with all monies raised going into church funds. If you are interested please email me at the address shown in the front of the mag.

RG.



### **Be my Valentine**

Young man: Do you love me?

Young lady: Yes.

Young man: But can you live on my income?

Young lady: Certainly. Though - what will you live on?

(Parish Pump)

## MONEDDEN NOTES

### *Church Rotas*

Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning	Sides person	Coffee
Feb 3rd	M Skeet		<b>BENEFICE SERVICE AT DALLINGHOO, 10AM, ALL WELCOME</b>	
10th	J Coe	M Skeet L Grier	B Martin	L Grier
17th	A Hamilton			
24th	L Grier	F Watts C Saxby	D Grier	C Saxby

**READERS FEBRUARY:** 10th David, Lesley; 24th Family Service, Children.

**THE WINE TASTING**, which was held on the last Friday evening of November, was a very good night and realised a very handsome profit for the village hall.

**HOLY COMMUNION** on Christmas Day this year was conducted by the Rev. Wendy Gourlay, and it was nice to see a well attended service with a congregation of around two dozen people.

**THE COMBINED TOY SERVICE** which was held on Sunday, December 9 at 10 a.m. at Monewden Church was a great success and the gifts and collection were donated to Lighthouse at Ipswich where they were gratefully received.


**VILLAGE HALL AGM:** This will take place on Tuesday, March 5 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, February 16th 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:** December - £75 Louise Parker, £50 Graham Scott, £25 Stuart Rose.

**LOCAL HISTORY:** Our January meeting of the local history club was 'Wheels of Ipswich' by Brian Dyes. A very interesting talk going right back to the beginning of transport in the Ipswich area, and finishing with the work of the Ipswich Transport Museum, who have a huge collection of just about everything on wheels. Our February meeting asks the question 'Did sewers save lives?' This is a talk by Dr. Ann Folan on early public health in Ipswich.

 **QUIZ NIGHT :** There will be a Quiz Night in Monewden Village Hall, on March 8th at 7pm. Questions by Julian Dean, with soup and cakes at half time. Bring your own drinks if you wish. Tickets will be £6 per person, with teams of 4. We can make up teams on the night if you can't find a full team. This event is in aid of Monewden Village Hall. Tickets available from David 01473 737298 or Brian 01473 737285.

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## **Crossword Clues**

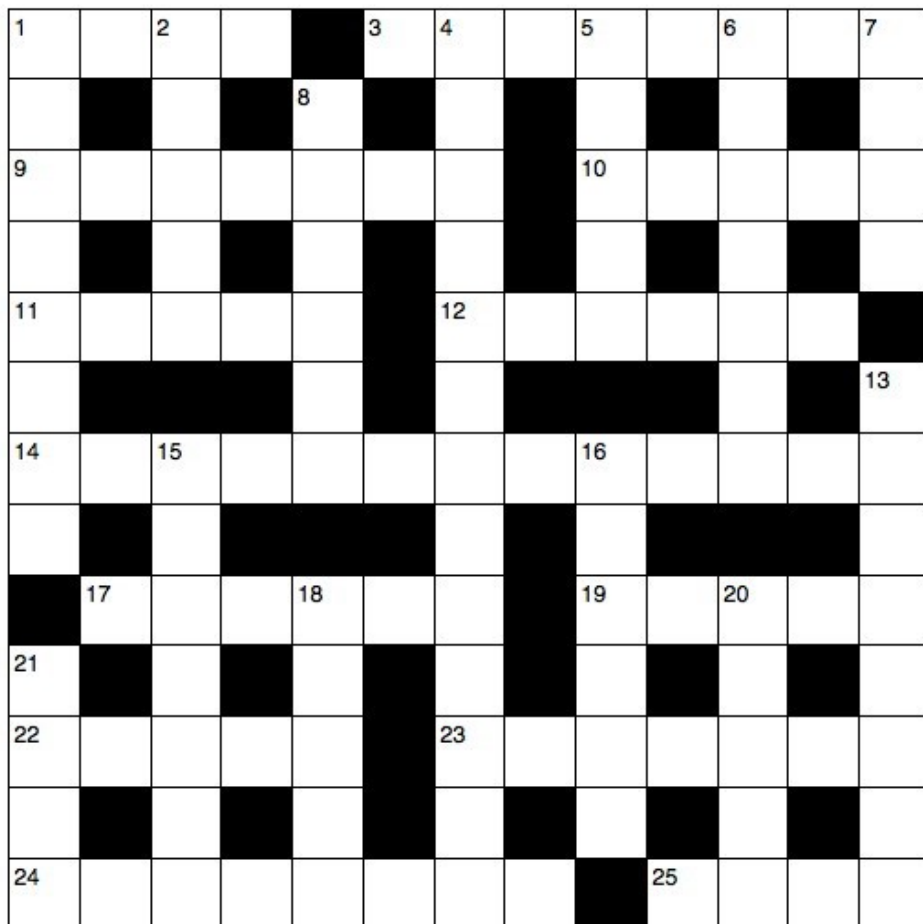
### **Across**

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

### **Down**

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
- 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
- 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

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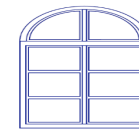
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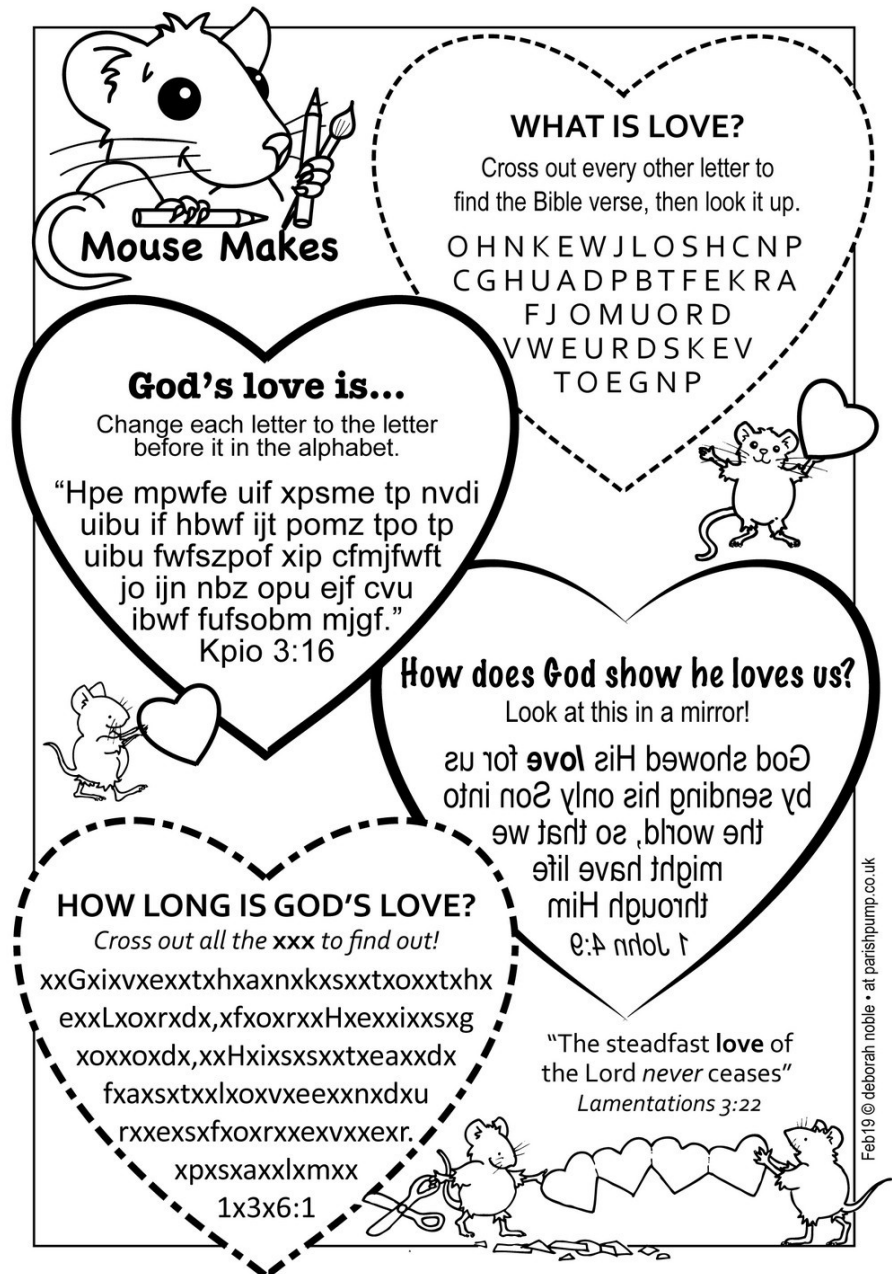
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## Young Readers Page



**Mouse Makes**

**WHAT IS LOVE?**  
Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.  
OHNKEWJLOSHCNP  
CGHUADPBTFEKRA  
FJOMUORD  
VWEURDSKEV  
TOEGNP

**God's love is...**  
Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.  
"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi  
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp  
uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft  
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu  
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."  
Kpio 3:16

**How does God show he loves us?**  
Look at this in a mirror!  
su rot **evol** siH bewone boG  
otni no2 ylno zid gnibne2 yd  
ew tsrt oz ,bhow ert  
etil evat tlgim  
miH hgnoirt  
0:4 nrol 1

**HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?**  
Cross out all the xxx to find out!  
xxGxixvxextxhxaxnxksxxtxoxxtxhx  
exxLxoxrxdx,xfxoxrxxHxexxixxsxg  
xoxxoxdx,xxHxixsxsxxtxeaxxdx  
fxaxsxtxxlxoxvxeexnxndxu  
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.  
xpxsaxxlxmxx  
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast **love** of the Lord never ceases"  
Lamentations 3:22

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