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Creetingham, Dallingham, Earl Soham,
Hoo, Letheringham and Monewden

November 2020

Note From Your Curate

The Harvest Festival season is now well and truly over. Sadly we have been unable to decorate our churches as beautifully as usual with masses of vegetables, fruit and autumnal colours. Harvest is a very special time for country people, and most of us get involved in some way. I am not talking about the huge machines we see gathering the cereal harvest, as important as they are. No, what I am talking about is the end of the growing season in our own veg patches and orchards however small. There is a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure in bringing in food from the garden to the plate all through the summer, but especially so in the autumn when we gather apples, pears, nuts (if the grey squirrels haven't had them) and root crops, both for eating now and putting into store for the winter. The autumn is also the time for making jams, jellies and chutneys. Thank God for all the wonderful things he supplies for us. With enough food in store and freezer we can look forward to relaxing in front of the fire throughout the winter.

This month is the time for Remembrance. Unfortunately we were unable to commemorate the 75th anniversaries of VE and VJ days this year, but we have all been moved and inspired by the war veterans who have recalled their memories on film. None more so than Captain Tom Moore, who not only raised a huge amount of money for NHS charities but also inspired us with his optimism and determination. In his interviews he said something which I always try to remember when things are not going well, "tomorrow will be a good day."

Love and Prayers, Kathleen 1

Unable to get to church on Sunday?

There is a service on Zoom organised by the Orebeck Benefice at 9.30 am every Sunday. You are welcome to join us. To obtain the link please e mail Bill Clarke bill78@btinternet.com.

Canon Graham Hedger

DEANERY TAIZÉ SERVICES via YouTube

Last year, as part of the Diocesan-wide *Growing in God* initiative, clergy from our Deanery (Loes) organised a series of monthly Sunday afternoon services based around the Taizé tradition. These services used meditative chants, prayer, silence and scripture around a variety of specific themes. The Rev'd Canon Graham Hedger, from our neighbouring Orebeck Benefice, hosted the services in Easton and the service-format was compiled by Rev'd Wendy Gourlay. A good number of people attended and the plan was to continue the initiative in 2020.

The COVID-19 lockdown jeopardised those plans until technology was harnessed to make a new series of services available via YouTube. The format remains the same but the individual elements - bible reading, prayers, a meditation, an interlude for silent reflection and live music to accompany the chants - were pre-recorded and then edited together into a service lasting around 30 minutes. Each service is "stand-alone", and each has a different focus. We are grateful for the dozen-plus contributors who have made the services so personal and individual.

The final service of 2020 will be available from the 15th of November and can be accessed via the St Peter's, Creetingham page of our Benefice website: www.mid-loes.com/creetingham.php This location also gives you access to all of the 2020 services from June onwards. A printable order of service is also available on the same webpage but the words for chants, prayers, etc do appear on-screen.

To date the services have been viewed over 350 times and it is hoped that a new series will be available in 2021 - especially if the pandemic is still reducing our opportunity to meet safely in larger groups.

You do not have to be a subscriber to YouTube to watch these services. They are loaded to a private channel within the site and only accessible via the channel code accessed via the Benefice website i.e. you cannot search for them via Google.

Alister Gourlay (Lay Chair Loes Deanery)

Bishop Martin at Earl Soham

Bishop Martin will be leading the service and preaching at the 10am Holy Communion service at Earl Soham on 15th November.

Due to Covid 19 numbers will be limited in order to maintain social distancing. This means that the service will be by ticket only, tickets will be strictly on a first come first served basis. Tickets are available from Chris Pratt on telephone number 01728685745 or email chris.anne1@btinternet.com



EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
OCTOBER	Mrs Patterson	Mrs Tinkler
NOVEMBER	Mrs Edmundson	Mrs Tinkler
As we are still observing guidelines we are assessing the situation continually I will contact those concerned re flowers & brasses. Any problems phone Lyn—685278		

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rota

Date	Readers	Sides person
Nov 1st 10am Benefice Holy Communion Letheringham	All Welcome Benefice Holy Communion Letheringham	
Nov 8 th 10.45am Remembrance Service Charsfield Nov 8 th 3.00pm Remembrance Service Debach	TBA	TBA
Nov 15 th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Margaret Jill	Mike
Nov 22 nd 10am Holy Communion	Antony Sheila	Mike
Nov 29 th 10am Morning Prayer	Stephanie Ros	Mike

Readers, please remember to bring your own Bible.

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
Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317
Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182
Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .

CHARSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Charsfield Parish Council finds itself in an immensely difficult situation. We are currently running with three vacancies and face the prospect of failing. The bottom line is, that if this happens, we lose all representation at District and County Council levels; and could no longer control how much money we apply for and spend locally (the precept). If you care about Charsfield please consider whether you might be one of the parish councillors the village needs.

Do you wish to serve your community?
Could you provide a voice for residents?
Are you interested in the future of the village?

For further information or an informal chat please contact the Parish Clerk or Chair of the Council

Pam Hembra
Charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com
01473 737655
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The term of office will run until the next ordinary elections in May 2023.

There are approximately six Parish Council meetings a year.

This position is only open to people living in the Parish of Charsfield or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary (and on the Register of Electors) and those working or owning land within the Parish for the preceding 12 months.

Current News from Charsfield C of E Primary School

Everyone has settled back into school life here at Charsfield and it feels like we've never been away! There is a lovely atmosphere in our school, as the children are working hard and having fun with their learning at the same time! The staff and I have been determined to keep things as "normal" as we possibly can and give our children plenty of exciting learning experiences. Feedback from parents has been very encouraging and positive, and I am pleased that our children have adapted so well to the changes we have made to our school day.

Our Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils are learning about castles and they hope to be able to visit a local castle very soon. They had fun dressing up as kings, queens and knights to act out a scene in our beautiful school grounds. In Year 3 and 4, pupils are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and they are going to visit West Stow Anglo-Saxon village in early October to find out more about life in an Anglo-Saxon village. Our pupils in Year 5 and 6 are learning all about World War 2 and how it started. They are going to be learning about life as an evacuee using the story Goodnight Mr Tom to help bring it to life. We hope that the weather will be kind enough for us to be able to recreate an "evacuee walk" around the village, complete with evacuee costumes, to help the children imagine what the children would have gone through all those years ago.

On Fridays we are having Forest School lessons where the children learn new skills and become confident in the outdoor environment. All pupils take part in these sessions within their Covid-secure bubbles. We are lucky enough to be able to hold these sessions on our school site as the area is suitable with lots of trees and wooded areas, and we have a member of staff who is Forest School trained. Every day, pupils are taking part in the daily mile run, and we are hoping that this will put them in good stead for our whole school Cross Country run. We will be holding this on the village recreation ground to enable all pupils to remain socially distant and within their bubbles. We will use this as our virtual entry for the Suffolk Small Schools Games Competitions that we take part in throughout the year. Fingers crossed for a dry day!

We are holding open mornings on Thursday 22nd October and Tuesday 10th November for anyone who is looking for schooling in the area and would like to see our fantastic school in action (parents of all year groups are welcome). However, to meet current guidelines and to keep everyone safe, we are only admitting people with an appointment (these are limited to ensure we don't have too many people on site) and visitors will be required to wear a mask and sanitise their hands regularly. Please see our website at www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk or contact our school office on 01473 737347 to find out more.

Mrs Reeve
Head of School

DALLINGHOO NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sides people
1st Nov 10am	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM AT LETHERINGHAM. ALL WELCOME.	
8th 10.45am	REMEMBRANCE	
15th 10am	FAMILY SERVICE	
29th 10am	HOLY COMMUNION	

Flower and Cleaning Rota

Suspended until further notice

Church Opening and Closing

Suspended until further notice

POPPY APPEAL 2020

For the 2020 Poppy Appeal there will be no house-to-house collection this year. As usual, Spall's will be asked to take a box which will contain poppies and other items of interest such as 2020 and VE Day enamel pins. There will be other boxes in the Bredfield Shop, The Greyhound and the Suffolk Plant Centre.

I should be grateful if you would publicise this and ask that parishioners give the appeal their usual kind support.

Regards

Jeremy Quinlan

Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser for Bredfield & District
01473 737700

CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
November	Mrs McBride	Churchwardens Covid 19
December	Mrs Mayhew	Churchwardens Covid 19



Thank you so much to all those who placed food in the church for Harvest. All has been gathered in and taken to a Food Bank ran by "Stowmarket Churches Together" which is run by volunteers. I was so impressed when I visited their store room where every item has the date written on its end and then stored so nothing goes out of date and rotation is easily seen. Also everything we gave was weighed and recorded in their donations book. Every food package that is handed out is also weighed and this assures that there is accountability for the Charity. They also emailed to say how grateful they were. So thank you everyone again.

Services for November in St. Peters Church.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on 8th November at

10.20am Please note different start time. We will join together inside for the service and end the service at the memorial when we will disperse. Social distance to be adhered to at all times.

HOLY COMMUNION on 29th November at 10 am led by Rev. Wendy Gourlay.

Cretingham PCC (Parochial Church Council) – we are a very small group who meet alternate months and would love to have some more voices to contribute to the exciting plans for the church to ensure it is around for many more years! If you are interested please don't hesitate to have a chat with one of your Churchwardens – Alister or Heather (phone numbers and email at front of magazine).

Don't forget to put the Christmas dates in your diary ...

Carol Service Sunday 20th December at 4 pm. Unfortunately we are not allowed to sing but it will definitely have a Christmassy feel and traditional carols. Do please join us.

Christmas Day at 10.30 am will be an all age worship (approx.. 45 mins) with extended Communion.

New Years Eve Compline Service will be at 11.45 pm.

CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

–1 PETER 5:7 KJV

ASHFIELD NOTES

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2020.

Whilst we were only a small congregation for our Harvest Service it was agreed that the collection in lieu of food donations should go to FIND [Families in need] at Ipswich, a charity that the village supported most generously during lockdown earlier in the year.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS.

By the time that you received this the much delayed Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting will have taken place. If there is anything significant to report this will be published in the parish magazine in due course.

REMEMBRANCE 2020.

Ashfield will remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in an Act of Remembrance at the church immediately after Evening Prayer on Sunday 8th November. Anyone wishing to take part is asked to be in the back of the church for 7pm, the simple ceremony will take place soon after that.

COVID19, AN UPDATE AS THE SITUATION CONTINUES.

Who would have thought less than 9 months ago that we would be where we are now! At the start of lockdown the village very much came together with a great many people availing themselves to help others who had suddenly found themselves in isolation whether by virtue of age or medical condition. Whilst we are not in lockdown at present and hopefully will not need to be again we are far from out of the woods with Covid19 at the moment. It is quite possible that we have a long winter ahead of us! Most people have come to terms with the "new normal" that is daily life although for some this has not been easy. Should any resident/s be experiencing hardship at the present time or in the future please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Council and we will try to help you or point you in the direction of someone who can assist. Stay safe everyone.

RG.

HOO NOTES

During September we were all devastated to learn that Margaret Doe had suddenly become ill.

Our tiny Parish Church has relied for so long on the care & organisation given by Margaret for the last year. Previously Margaret had shared these duties with Perry Branton and they were both Church Wardens for a number of years. Now we are all having to learn how to support our Curate, Rev. Kathleen Martin.

One piece of good news is that Trevor Branton has managed to get two new keys made for the Main door of the Church. The door is extremely heavy oak & there was only one key of enormous size & antiquity.

We enjoyed the Harvest Festival service on the evening of September 27th and the Collection was donated to Families in Need.

Gay Lister

Margaret Doe - we think of Margaret continuously, she has made very slight improvement as she copes with the stroke, I was told Margaret laughed—was it because Ipswich Town is doing so well? Margaret we all send you our love, best wishes & prayers. God Bless

Perry

SUFFOLK CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

On September 12th, Clive Arbon, Paul Mortin & Nigel Allerton cycled from Lowestoft to Hoo, visiting 40 churches and 47 miles, in aid of Hoo church. A big thank you to Clive, Paul & Nigel.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Church	Nov 1st All Saints <i>White</i>	Nov 8th 3rd Before Advent Remembrance <i>Red</i>	Nov 15th 2nd Before Advent <i>Green</i>	Nov 22nd Christ The King <i>White</i>	Nov 29th Advent 1 <i>Purple</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Remembrance	↓		
Chars field w. Debach	↓	10.45am Remembrance 3pm Debach	↓	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Cretingham	↓	10.20am Remembrance	↓		10am Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	↓	10.45am Remembrance	↓		10am Holy Communion
Earl Soham	↓	10.45am Remembrance	10am Holy Communion Taken by The Bishop	10am Family Service	
Hoo	↓	8.30am Holy Communion & Remembrance	↑	8.30am Morning Prayer	
Monewden	↓	10.45am Holy Communion & Remembrance	↑	10 am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Letheringham	10 am Benefice Holy Communion	To Hoo	↑		

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

	Holy Communion	MP and EP	Psalm
Nov 1st	1 John Ch 3 vs 1-3 Matthew Ch 5 vs 1-12		
Nov 8th	1 Thessalonians Ch 4 vs 14-end Matthew Ch 25 vs 1-13	Amos Ch 5 vs 18-24 Matthew Ch 25 vs 1-13	Psalm 70
Nov 15th	1 Thessalonians Ch 5 vs 1-11 Matthew Ch 25 vs 14-30	Zephaniah Ch 1 vs 7, 12-end Matthew Ch 25 vs 14-30	Psalm 90 vs 1-8
Nov 22nd	Ephesians C 1 vs 15-end Matthew Ch 25 vs 31-end	Ezekiel Ch 34 vs 11-16, 20-24 Matthew Ch 25 vs 31-end	Psalm 95 vs 1-7
Nov 29th	1 Corinthians Ch 1 vs 3-9 Mark Ch 13 vs 24-37	Isiah Ch 64 vs 1-9 Mark Ch 13 vs 24-37	Psalm 80 vs 1-8 18-20
Dec 6th	2 Peter Ch 3 vs 8-15a Mark Ch 1 vs 1-8		

The Benefice Holy Communion Service
On Sunday 6th December 10am
Will be held at St Andrew & St Eustacius, Hoo

MONEWDEN NOTES

Church Rota's

Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
1st November	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION, LETHERINGHAM, 10AM, EVERYONE WELCOME.	
8th		
REMEMBRANCE		
15th	HOLY COMMUNION IN EARL SOHAM - BISHOP	
22nd		
FAMILY SERVICE		
29th		
EVENING PRAYER		

READERS - 29th - Jean & Wendy

WINE TASTING: Due to the situation that we now find ourselves in the committee of the Monewden Church Appeal Fund had no option but to cancel the wine tasting evening that was scheduled for the last Friday in November. This is most unfortunate as it is always a good evening's entertainment. Hopefully we can try again next year.

100 Club

Winners of the 100 Club draw for September were as follows:

£25.00, Lisa Grier
£15.00, G. Scott
£10.00, Sian Kingston

If you didn't win, better luck next time!

Church repairs

Repair work has started on the church. This phase of the work is largely routine maintenance, including replacing stonework and masonry on three windows and some re-leading, re-pointing and plaster work, and securing loose stones on the top of the tower.

The church remains open for services and private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays while the work is in progress.

Cretingham, Monewden and Hoo Parish Council.

Parish Council meetings are taking place virtually at present via Zoom. The dates of meetings are published on our website where, a week or so before the meeting, you will also find the Zoom link if you wish to join the meeting. There is always an agenda item allowing members of the public to raise issues and it is helpful if the Clerk can be given some advance notice of these so that any necessary information can be gathered in order to provide the most useful response.

During the current pandemic Councillors have been kept up-to-date via regular bulletins from: Framlingham Town Council, East Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council. These reports can be accessed via the relevant websites.

One "live issue" during the late summer was the increased, but necessary, farm traffic on our narrow country roads - coupled with an increase in the number of cyclists and pedestrians. Your council wrote to five farmers/contractors who work locally outlining its concerns and received positive and accommodating replies.

Another road safety issue is excessive speed by all types of road users (yes, cyclists - you know who I mean!). The installation of the proposed Speed Indicator Device in Cretingham has been delayed by the furlough of Suffolk Highways staff but is now just waiting for the final health and safety protocols to be agreed. We hope it will be installed before Christmas.

Your Parish Councillors are here to help with issues where they can make a positive impact. You can reach them via their contact details on our website:


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Alister Gourlay (Chair)



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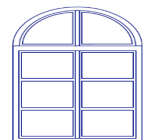
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