MID LOES BENEFICE

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

September 2020



Dear friends

I know I said that the August letter would be my last, but I just wanted to express my thanks to all the people who came along to my final service at Dallinghoo on 2nd August, and all those who I know couldn't make it but were there in spirit. It was marvelous to see so many people gathered for a service and a picnic outside on a beautiful summer's day. I also want to say thank you for all the good wishes, cards and presents, and for the generous cheque from the benefice; we shall use it to buy some garden furniture for the roof terrace at our new home. You might also have spotted Bishop Martin dropping in at the end to give his greetings and good wishes. He had come hotfoot from a service in Ipswich, so that was a nice gesture.

So thank you one and all, and I shall be thinking of you.

With my very best wishes Stephen

From the Rural Dean

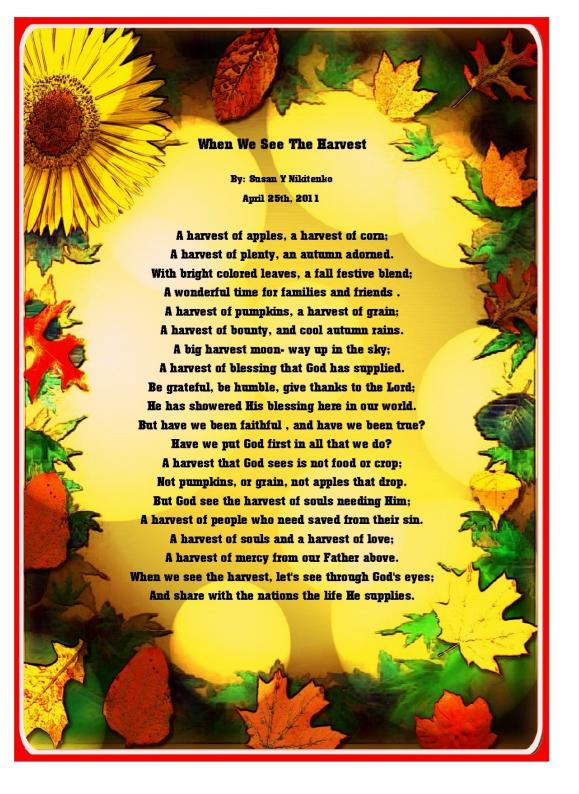
Some thank yous. Firstly, to Stephen and Liz for their time with us in Mid Loes. Many people (including the clergy chapter) have enjoyed and benefitted from Stephen's teaching ministry and commitment to theology. Liz has been a faithful attender of many church services and events and encourager of folks. We will miss them both and wish them well in retirement.

Secondly, to the many people who will be taking on additional responsibilities during the vacancy. Whether the period between one minister and another is long or short, vacancies provide an opportunity for growth in a benefice. The vacancy is an opportunity for people to discover new gifts and oppor-The benefice is well served tunities for service. with the Rev'd Kathleen Martin (who is still training, but has many years experience as both à churchwarden and elder), the Rev'd Wendy Gourlay and those who are elders, along with the many retired clergy in the surrounding area who will help with services.

In due course the Archdeacon of Suffolk, along with Alister Gourlay (the lay chair of the deanery synod) and myself will meet with the churchwardens to discuss the future and how we will work towards finding a new minister. Having lived in Charsfield for 26 years, (yes, we really have been here that long), I have had the joy and privilege of ministering in all the churches of the benefice and I look forward to meeting many of you again and renewing our fellowship. As Stephen reported in last months magazine I will be working with Kathleen as her supervising minister, helping her as she completes the next stage of training.

Rev'd Canon Graham Hedger, rural dean.





EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's							
SEPTEMBER	Mrs Rothery	Mrs Hinton					
OCTOBER	Mrs Pratt	Mrs Lancaster					

As we are still observing strict guidelines we are not putting fresh flowers in church. I will buff the brasses up. If things change I will inform those concerned.

Any problems phone Lyn—685278

Earl Soham Community Primary School PTFA Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

The PTFA contribution to the school is really important as it pays for the coaches for school trips facilitating these enriching activities for all children regardless of means and also buys items on the school's wish list, for example, buying a significant amount of IT equipment. Last school year was unusual, as we are all aware, with Covid-19 cancelling fundraising activities at the end of the Easter Term and all of the Summer term so we missed out on some really exciting but also key fundraising events.

However we worked hard at the beginning of the year and held a fun quiz night in October with new champions for the hotly contested cup. The Christmas Fayre was even more successful than last year. We also had two lovely family film nights, a really interesting talk on Mental Health First Aid and, during lockdown even held an online boat race. And so we are really proud that despite Covid-19 we donated £2000 to the school and held the children's Christmas party.

We don't know what the next school year will be like, but we will do our best to keep fundraising, holding events where possible and trying some of them online. Two really quick, easy and free ways that anyone can support us is to make any Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile (the only difference is that 1% is donated to the charity of your choice) and through shopping at other internet sites through Easy Fundraising. Everyone's support for these is really appreciated.

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Lastly, the PTFA committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed; those who organised and ran events; local businesses and individuals who donated prizes; and everyone who came to support and enjoy the events - we couldn't do this without you.



The decision about building Sizewell C in Suffolk is rapidly approaching. The French-owned power company EDF have decided to continue with their application for a Development Consent Order which is now out for public consultation. If built, we shall be living with the construction phase of Sizewell C for over 10 years, so, I felt it important to set out my thoughts about whether Sizewell C is a good thing for Suffolk.

In the absence of an alternative, and until we can find better ways of storing the electricity produced by renewable sources such as offshore wind and solar energy, nuclear power will remain an important form of UK electricity production. At a time when all are striving to be more environmentally conscious and the Government has committed to meet climate change and carbon reduction targets, nuclear energy has the advantage of being carbon neutral and helps to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

I am also mindful that the construction of Sizewell C will bring job opportunities at a time (post COVID-19) that may prove to be economically challenging. The Suffolk coast leads the way in creating jobs in the renewable energy sector and the construction of Sizewell C will undoubtedly provide future job opportunities for our children and grandchildren.

Considering the environmental positives of nuclear energy and the local jobs boost to Suffolk, I still have serious reservations about the proposals for Sizewell C. I am concerned about the potential damage to our beautiful Suffolk coastline, and the impact that this will have upon its rare species and habitats. I believe this environmental damage is not sufficiently mitigated by EDF's current construction plans.

I am also concerned that EDF have done little to reduce the impact that construction traffic will have upon East Suffolk's communities. EDF's decision to move from sea to land-based delivery of supplies has not been adequately considered. There will be a need for substantial road and rail improvements to support this change in the construction plan and I am therefore concerned that EDF has not listened to Suffolk's parishes and communities' views.

The East Suffolk train line and the A12 are vital transport routes for those who live and work in central and eastern Suffolk. The A12 is also an important access route for tourists who spend millions of pounds in our area. Tourism brings huge economic benefits to our county and visitors must be able to reach Suffolk without encountering delays and congestion caused by construction traffic.

Finally, I have concerns about the potential security implications of Chinese financial involvement in such a major energy project, for which I have not yet received adequate assurances.

Having considered the matter carefully, on balance, I am unable to support the current proposals for Sizewell C. I will continue to monitor developments very carefully, and as always, shall stand up for the best interests of the residents I represent in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person		
Sep 6 th 10am Benefice Holy Communion Monewden	Benefice Holy Communion, Monewden All Welcome!			
Sep 20 th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Readers & Sides per	son to be confirmed		
Sep 27 th 10am Holy Communion	Readers & Sides per	son to be confirmed		

Thank you

Sue and I would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and messages of love and support following the recent death of our son Andy. Your messages have meant a great deal to us. Throughout all of his recent illness we have been reminded that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Graham and Sue Hedger

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 Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

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News from Charsfield C of E Primary School

Well it has certainly been a year to remember! Firstly, I would like to thank all the children, parents, and staff for their hard work not only during lock down, but also throughout the whole year. Without your ongoing support, we would not have achieved half of what we have! During the last 7½ weeks of term, we had increasing numbers of pupils attend school as we opened our door to all year groups that wanted to return. Two thirds attended and were able to be taught in 2 "bubbles", key stage 1 & 2 whilst we've been supporting those remaining at home who have been mirroring our 'in school' activities. We have still been able to provide a diverse curriculum with Music, French, Art, DT, Forest Schools, Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions, History, Geography as well as Maths and English. Key stage 2 have been reading 'The Ickabog', by JK Rowling, and have entered her competition to have their artwork used in the illustrations of this. We held a sports afternoon where pupils completed sporting activities in their separate bubbles. Pupils at home joined in too with one of our parents reporting that she was really chuffed to have won the "Mummy Race" this year!

Mental Health and Wellbeing has been a large focus in this unprecedented time, and we have been looking at what helps us stay happy and healthy in our minds and bodies. The pupils in school wrote a group letter to those at home and were thrilled to get replies from some of them.

We have joined in with the 'Suffolk Says Thanks' promotion which encourages schools to link with a local care home to communicate through the difficult lockdown period. We have connected with Handford House Nursing Home in Ipswich, where the children have found out about residents in care homes and how they could help. They made and sent thankfulness posters, and wrote a group letter to the residents telling them about what school has been like over these last few months. We hope to receive some replies from them and to continue to build on this link in the new term. The children have all enjoyed these sessions and have been amazingly receptive to the ideas and so willing and thoughtful when it came to communicating with Handford House.

Both bubbles have had Forest Schools sessions, where our goal has been to connect with nature to improve self-confidence and independence in an environment where the children feel safe, comfortable and relaxed. They built a bird feeder and we were able to mount a trail cam to record the visitors while we were not at school. There have been many other activities including; den building, bug hunting and making hobbyhorses to name a few, and an all-time favourite of toasting marshmallows around the fire. The children particularly enjoyed designing and building a pedal operated hand-washing station. Very Covid19 Apt! They were given an assortment of resources and a brief lesson in levers and then left to build. After several attempts and some slightly soggy children, they achieved the goal and spent the rest of the lesson taking it in turns washing their hands. They discovered that if you lifted your foot off the pedal too quickly, you could get a soaking. Armed with this information, they invited our Executive Head to have a go, let's just say it was a good job that he wasn't going to any meetings afterwards!

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception pupils in September. October 22nd sees our first Open Morning between 9.30-11.45am, if you or anyone you know would be interested in attending. For further information about our school, please take a look at our website - visits to the school are always warmly welcomed. Mrs Reeve (Head of School) Tel: 01473 737347 / Website: www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

DALLINGHOO NOTES

]	Date	Service/Readers	Sides people		
6th	10am	BENEFICE HOLY (10AM AT MOI ALL WEL(NEWDEN.		
13th	6.30pm	EVENING PRAYER			
20th	10am	FAMILY SERVICE			

Church Rotas
Flower and Cleaning Rota
Suspended until further notice

Church Opening and Closing

Suspended until further notice

FAREWELL TO STEPHEN & LIZ

August 2nd, Dallinghoo held the benefice service which was also the last service Stephen was taking before his retirement. This was held on the church meadow by the village hall. It was a glorious day and it was nice to see so many of you join us to say a final farewell and to wish Stephen & Liz a very happy retirement. I know for a fact that Primrose and Basil Turner would have been there to wish them all the best as they always loved the church and the services, so as I was there I know they were there with me in spirit even though not in person. After the service I know there were many of you stayed to have your picnic lunch, socially distanced or in your bubbles which finished the day off well. God Bless Stephen & Liz.

EAST VIEW

As a lot of you are aware by driving past East View, Primrose & Basil's house went on the market before lockdown and I can now say it has been sold, also Peter and myself had put our house on the market as it is getting more and more difficult for me getting around the house and it is getting a struggle for Peter trying to look after me and keeping on top of the house duties and the gardens so we are on top of the house duties and the gardens so we are on top of the house duties and the gardens so we are on the move to a lovely bungalow. The bungalow is a little way up the road in Halesworth but it has everything we want and there is nothing to be done in it. It is in walking distance of shops etc. so we will be able to move straight in and Peter can start his retirement properly. We have had a lot of sadness in the last 18 months so we feel it is now our time to have what we wont and to what we want when we want.

As many of you know Peter has lived in the village for 64 years and myself 34 years from when I became Peter's wife. We both love the village so we wont be deserting you all, as we will be back to do bits to the church and churchyard and still support the village as and when we can.

NEW NEWS FROM EAST VIEW

On 5th August Paul, Fiona, Eloise and Harvey moved in. They are a lovely young family who are interested in the village ay of life. So I am sure you would like to join us and wish them all happy times ahead. There is just one thing their surname is 'Turner'! So there will still be Turner's at East View. Good luck and hope they have as many happy years there as we all have had.

Di & Peter Turner

VILLAGE NOTES FOR MAGAZINE

As we are moving this will be the last lot of notes I will be doing. So if anyone would like to take this on then speak to Charlotte the churchwardens, failing that you can email Alison with anything you would like to be included.

Many Thanks, Di Turner.

CARPET BOWLS

Sadly, we do not think that we will be able to start indoor bowls in September. We are sure that you all understand that we are only thinking of everyone's health and safety. As soon as Government advice re Covid 19 changes we will be able to review the situation. Missing you all. Hi Cliff Green 01473737421



HOO NOTES

PERRY BRANTON

Perry has had a lot of pain in her foot for some time. It turned out it was her big toe and the doctor's decided it world be best to remove it, so she has been to hospital and had the operation, she came home the same day and she seems to be doing really well. We send her and Eric our love.

THANK YOU

The churchyard has all been cut and the hedges, many thanks to Andrew for letting Nigel do all this, he has done a wonderful job. Also thanks go to Mark who does Mr Nickolson's gardens—he keeps the pathways and roadside verges very neat and tidy, and is always on call if I have any problems with the church.

Margaret Doe

PERCY MAPPERLY

Dear old Percy passed away peacefully on 3rd April, he had a good life and had his 93rd birthday on 17th March. The last few years his two daughters have looked after him and he hasn't wanted for anything, they have been wonderful. Do to this virus he had a very quiet funeral at Seven Hills. Stephen took the service with just his family present. Percy was a friend to everyone and we all loved him. He never missed a church service often three times on a Sunday. It is hoped we can have a thanksgiving service at a later date to remember his life.

Love to his girls and Ed.

God Bless Margaret Doe



Me Dad made the first electric car
From a duff Bond-Bug three-wheeler.
He'd bought it with no engine
From some local wheeler-dealer.

Then, with parts from a defunct wash-machine

He set about the job

And fitted the electric motor

And the original programme-knob.

And with a little bit more tidying
It was ready to be tested.
And Dad said he'd take it on his own
In case he got arrested.

He set the knob to 'Delicate'
And it pootled out the drive,
Then turned it 'round to Supper-Spin'
And the b****r came alive...



We watched him pass the paper shop -He was going like a rocket, And we reckon he'd just touched 95

When the plug came out the socket...



ASHFIELD NOTES

AUGUST MAGS.

Please accept my apologies for the late arrival of these. I took the Covid19 rules more seriously than I need have done!

CHURCH SERVICES.

We have restarted services at St Mary's and how good it is to be back worshiping together. I am expecting that from now on services will take place at the times advertised in here however it is quite possible the actual form of service may vary. The sign at the church gate will confirm the type of service on any given day. For the time being the church building will remain closed at all other times.

CYCLE RIDE 2020.

After some uncertainty I am able to confirm that the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual cycle ride will be taking place on Saturday September 12th between the hours of 9am and 5pm and the St Mary's will be manned for this event. If I can find enough willing volunteers to sit at the church I may even try and ride myself this year. If you can help or would like to ride to raise funds for Ashfield Church and SHCT please get in touch with me as Local Organiser. Thank you.

Robert Grimsey.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The next meeting of Ashfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9th September in the evening. Unless there is a radical change in circumstances the meeting will be another 'virtual' meeting using Zoom. If you would like to join this please contact the Parish Clerk [details in back of mag] in advance of the meeting to be given the necessary link.

TONY'S OBITUARY.

This will now appear in a future edition.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Church	Sept 6th Trin 13 Proper 18	Sept 13h Trin 14 Proper 19	Sept 20th Trin 15 Proper 20	Sept 27th Trin 16 Proper 21
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Ashfield-cum- Thorpe	↓		6.30pm Holy Communion	10am Harvest Festival
Chars field w. Debach	1		6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	↓		10am Harvest Festival	10am Morning Prayer
Dallinghoo	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Family Service	
Earl Soham	↓	10am Morning	10am Holy Communion	10am Family Service Harvest Festival
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Monewden	10 am Benefice Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion		10 am Family Service Harvest Festival
Letheringham	1	10am Harvest Festival		

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020



	Holy Communion	MP and EP	Psalm
Sept 6th	Romans Ch 13: vs 8-end		
	Matthew Ch18:vs 15-20		
13th	Romans Ch14: vs 1-12	Genesis Ch 50: vs 15-21	Psalm 103 vs 8-13
	Matthew Ch18: vs 21-35	Matthew Ch 18: vs 21-35	
20th	Philippians Ch 1: vs 21-end	Jonah Ch 3: vs 10-end Ch 4	Psalm 145 vs 1-8
	Matthew Ch 20: vs 1-16	Matthew Ch 20: vs 1-16	
27th	Philippians Ch 2: vs 1-14	Ezekiel Ch 18: vs 1-4, 25-end	Psalm 25 vs 1-8
	Matthew Ch 21: vs 23-32	Matthew Ch 21: vs 23-32	
Oct 4th	Philippians Ch 3: vs 4b-14		
	Matthew Ch 21: vs 33-end		

The Benefice Holy Communion Service
On Sunday 4th October
10am
Will be held at
St Mary's, Ashfield
All Welcome

CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
September	Miss Whiting	Churchwardens
October	Mrs Walker	Churchwardens



Help raise funds for your local church by taking part in Suffolk Churches RIDE & STRIDE – Saturday 12th September

All forms can be downloaded on shct.org.uk/ride-andstride

Although St. Peters Church Cretingham will be closed (due to 72 hour quarantine) there will be a table outside for walkers/bikers to sign-in.



Sunday 20th September at 10 am

Join us for our <u>Harvest Festival Service</u>

The Church will be filled with beautiful flowers and wonderful produce which will be donated to the Stowmarket Food Bank.

Restrictions will apply so please see the flyer in the magazine or contact Heather or Alister (Churchwardens).

An opportunity to be really thankful for our wonderful countryside and the produce it provides.

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As mentioned the church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival - do please come and see the wonderful displays when we are open on a Sunday 10.45 - 3 pm and a Wednesday 3pm - 8pm if you are unable to join us on Sunday. Produce will be removed promptly but the flower displays will still be in the church.

Services in St. Peters Church, Cretingham - 20 September 10 am Harvest Festival 27 September 10 am Morning Prayer

Harvest Festival Word Search

Find the following words in the grid below:

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MONEWDEN NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
6th September	BENEFICE HOLY COMM EVERYONE WEL	
13th		
HOLY COMMUNION		
20th		
27th		
FAMILY SERVICE HARVEST		

RIDE AND STRIDE Suffolk Historic Churches Trust have decided that Ride and Stride 2020 will take place. The date this year is Saturday, September 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. David Grier is this year's organiser, so if you need forms he is the man to contact. Wendy Heath will once again organise church sitters, though this year the format may be a bit different

APCM Because of the Covid 19 precautions it will not this year be a combined meeting. The rather belated Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Monewden will be held on Wednesday, September 9, at 7.30 p.m. in the church. Various officials are elected and the accounts for 2019 are officially presented. This is an open meeting to which all villagers are invited.



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Service is on 27th September at 10am. It is planned that it will be an outside service in the church-



yard, weather permitting

Due to Coronavirus, this year there will be no foodstuffs to decorate the church. All foodstuffs are usually given to FIND (Families in Need), which is a locally based Charity. Instead of giving food we are hoping that you will make a cash donation to this very worthy charity. Please give any donations for FIND to Brian Martin or David Grier. If you would like information about FIND please have a look on their website

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Harvest Festival Brian Martin

MONEWDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: At a recent meeting of the committee of the society it was reluctantly decided that it was not possible, within the current pandemic regulations, to run the history society meetings in a safe manner. The committee therefore had no option but to cancel the meetings until the end of the year. Towards the end of December the committee will meet to decide what we will do next year. All members of the society will be informed of the decision of the committee.

LAMB FOR THE FREEZER

Half or quarter of lamb or smaller packs ready for the Freezer For more information contact Brian Martin on 01473 737285

LETHERINGHAM NOTES

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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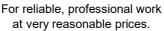
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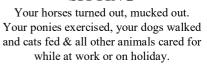
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