

MID LOES BENEFICE

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

November 2021

Note From Your Curate

At the time of writing I have just heard of the murder of Southend MP David Amess. It is such a tragedy for a man who was simply doing his job, serving the community. At this time we seem to be suffering such a lot of senseless violence all around the world. There are so many stories of shootings, stabbings, violence against women, abuse of children and abuse online. There is so much anger everywhere. My son who has just returned to the office two days a week after working from home due to Covid was telling me last weekend that there seems to be so much more anger and shouting in town now than there used to be, before Covid.

I know that we are living in a very safe part of the world, but I think that we cannot ignore these stories, which are brought into our homes on television news programmes every day. It seems to me that any of us can all be subjected to some forms of anger, whether it be verbal abuse or road rage.

It seems such a shame that the care and help given to neighbours during the lockdowns of Covid appears to have evaporated. We are here to love and serve those in need. I think Jesus celebrates every time we make the right choices, every time we love and serve our neighbour and every time we show compassion. In such a world there is no place for anger.

Prayers and blessings, Kathleen



Prayer for the month

Father, we thank you that Jesus came to serve
and give his life as a ransom for many.

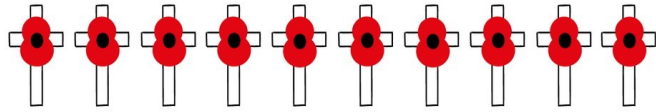
Teach us to be generous
in the giving of our time and of ourselves
in the service of others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



*...his constant droning from the pulpit
is really getting on my nerves!*

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EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
NOVEMBER	Mrs Patterson	Mrs Tinkler
DECEMBER	Any offer of help gratefully received	
BELATED thanks for all the harvest displays, thank you. Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278		

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

11th September 2021

Another successful event and I was so pleased St Mary's Earl Soham was open to greet the cyclists. The church was fully manned thanks to our loyal



team – thank you all so much. Not the usual flood of cyclists. However. This seemed to be the case all round this year. We had four cyclists from our village who raised £196 between them. Our youngest cyclist visited 26 churches. Which is quite amazing. Well done James!

Mary Patterson



LEST WE FORGET

TEA OR COFFEE AND MINCE PIES



COME AND START THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON WITH US

**SATURDAY
27th NOVEMBER**

EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL
2.30am - 4.30pm

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PROCEEDS TO ST MARYS EARL SOHAM

Earl Soham Christmas Crib Service

Once again, our special Christmas Eve Crib service will be held on Friday 24th December at St Mary's Church Earl Soham at 6.30 pm and we are inviting all school aged children to participate in this wonderful family event. The Government and Church of England guidance regarding Covid 19 will be strictly adhered to but currently allows us to plan for this event, outside or inside the Church.

There will be a rehearsal for all involved on Sunday 19th December at 10.30 am at the Church. All costumes and props are provided but we do need lots of children to help us reveal the story of Christmas. Please let me know if you would like your child/children to be part of this wonderful village celebration, the more the merrier! I would really appreciate it if last year's Crib families contact me as soon as possible to confirm their places for this year, as the outdoors 2020 Crib was cancelled due to the tremendous rain!

Jo Reed 01728 685794 email: reedjo@hotmail.com



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 Cobby - 01473 737 317

Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .



DR DAN POULTER MP
Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

The favourite part of my week is undoubtedly returning home to Suffolk when Parliament concludes on a Thursday. The marked change of returning home to Suffolk with its wide-open skies and clean air is immediately rejuvenating after being in London. We are lucky to live in a county like Suffolk protected from overdevelopment and with our strong rural heritage.

Protecting Suffolk, the United Kingdom, and the rest of the world from climate change is the reason that world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties summit (COP26) in early November. At the conference, the UK and all the other countries attending will be expected to carry out a process known as the “ratchet mechanism”, whereby a greater commitment is made to reducing carbon emissions and prevent further global warming.

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges we face, and I am proud of Britain’s world-leading role in tackling climate change and the transition to Clean Energy Growth. The UK was the first country to pass laws to become carbon neutral and eliminate our contribution to climate change by 2050. We have been the second fastest country in the G20 to cut climate emissions. Suffolk’s Energy Coast is now playing an important role in the supply of the UK’s clean energy requirements and it’s anticipated that our area will produce some 30% of the UK’s energy requirements by 2030.

I recently met with the South Korean Vice Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy: Park Jin-kyu to discuss climate change. South Korea is a world leading economy in developing new technologies including new technologies that help to reduce carbon emissions. They are also passing laws to ensure that South Korea will be carbon neutral by 2050. If we are serious about meeting our own climate change commitments, we shall need to continue to exchange ideas and work with South Korea and other counties that are committed to the 2050 carbon neutral commitment at the forthcoming COP26 conference and in the years ahead.

The COP26 summit will also highlight the need for us all to play our own individual role in helping to reduce carbon emissions and slow down the rate of climate change. Whilst global Governments and industry are key players, tackling climate change is everyone’s responsibility and by making small and simple changes in our daily lives, we can collectively help to make a difference,

These small changes needn’t cost a lot of money, for example, switching to an energy supplier who uses renewable energy or switching to more energy efficient LED lightbulbs in our homes; or perhaps thinking about reducing our food miles and sourcing our food and produce more locally – we certainly have an abundance of excellent suppliers right here in Suffolk.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
7th November 10am Benefice Holy Communion, Cretingham	Benefice Holy Communion Cretingham All welcome	
14th November 10.45am Remembrance Service 3pm Remembrance Service Debach	To be arranged	
21st November	No Service	
28th November 10am Holy Communion	Sheila Margaret	Margaret

Cleaning Rota

13th Nov	27th
Ros & Lucy	Angela & Joyce

St. Elizabeth Hospice Coffee Morning.

Once again with kind permission of Jan, the annual Coffee Morning will be held at 1, St. Peter’s Close, Charsfield, on Saturday 27th November 2021, at 10am to 12 noon.

So please come along for coffee and cake and meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat, and also make new friends. If anyone has any crafts they would like to donate, to the craft stall please let me know. We shall also be collecting coins again.

Joyce & Dave Whitley
01473 737549

Charsfield Baptist Coffee Pot, every Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am in the Chapel Hall.

Everyone welcome

Sing-along Suppers, on the first Friday of the month, starting at 6.30pm in the Chapel Hall. Includes a buffet supper. No charge, donations welcome.

PLEASE NOTE OUR NOVEMBER SING-ALONG SUPPER HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM THE 5TH TO THE 12TH OF NOVEMBER.

News from Charsfield Primary School

We've had a great start back to school with lots of exciting learning taking place. At the start of term, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception pupils to the school, who have settled in so well into school life that it feels like they've been at Charsfield forever!

In Class 2, our year 3 and 4 pupils have been learning about the Romans and were incredibly lucky to be treated to a museum day in school where they were able to handle genuine Roman artefacts and learn more about them. The pupils then visited Colchester Castle to learn more about the Roman's and the impact they had on the local area. In our science lessons we have been learning about our amazing bodies with a focus on bones and skeletons!

Our oldest pupils in Class 3 are learning about life in Victorian Britain and will be travelling back in time to experience life in the workhouse at Gressenhall in Norfolk. We will also be finding out where our resources come from and how we can make choices to help reduce the impact on the environment. In science we have been learning about light and how our eyes are so amazing that they help us to see everything in colour. Next, we will be finding out all about electricity and having fun with circuits!

Celebrations is the topic for our youngest pupils in the school, and they have been learning about different types of celebrations that we might experience in our lives and what it's like to be a part of that celebration. In PE pupils have been learning about the skills required to work together as a team in games. All Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Suffolk Schools Cross Country Competition and out of just 22 pupils we managed to achieve gaining two 2nd places, a 3rd and a 4th place. These pupils will now go forward to the county finals.

In art all the pupils have been learning about printing. Our younger pupils have created positive and negative prints using polystyrene tiles and string. Pupils in key stage 2 have been learning about mosaics and have used printing sticks to create their own mosaic prints.

These are just a few of the things that we have been up to this term so far. Please check out our website for more www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

We have been delighted with the attendance at our Open Days and are taking bookings for our November 10th Open Day. Please contact the office for more information or to book your place on 01473737347. If this date is not suitable for you, please contact us and we can arrange for a mutually convenient time to show you around our lovely school.



MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
Nov 7th	J Coe	M Skeet L Grier		
14th	A Hamilton		P Keeble	
21st	L Grier	F Watts C Saxby		
28th	J Vonberg		M Skeet	

READERS: Nov. 7th Benefice; Nov. 14th Remembrance; Nov, 28th Family Service.

SATURDAY CAFE: This month's event will take place on Saturday, 20th. Have a breakfast roll, bacon roll, tea or coffee and a good chat amongst friends. The 100 Club draw for November will take place at the Cafe. You might even win a prize!!

100 CLUB WINNERS:

Sept. winners: £25 Eric Branton, £15 Annie Weeks, £15 Sian Kingston.

Oct. winners: £25 Annie Weeks, £15 Stuart Clarke, £10 Neville Skeet.

WINE TASTING: After much discussion it has been decided that the annual Wine Tasting will take place. It will be held in the Village Hall on November 26 at 7.30 p.m. The cost this year will be £12 per person. To comply with the Covid 19 recommendations the attendance will be limited to 30, based on a first come first served basis. Lesley and David (01473 737298) will be pleased to take your bookings. Payment will be taken on the night. If you book please turn up as we need the full 30 places to make the event viable. There may well be a waiting list if you do not make the first 30.



CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

Month	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
November	Mrs Coe	Mr & Mrs Gourlay
December	Miss Whiting	Mrs Runacres

Services for November in St. Peters Church.

Benefice Holy Communion 7th November 10am.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on 14th November at **10.50am**

Holy Communion on 21st November at 10 am.

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

Christmas Stalls 10-12 in Church on Saturday 11th December. Chance to see the wonderful flower displays, buy some Christmas goodies, have a coffee & chat with friends.

Carol Service Sunday 19th December at 4 pm. Singing in full voice all those lovely carols we were unable to sing last year.

Carol Singing at the Pub 7 pm start singing in the marquee/outside by kind invitation of Clare and Paul at The Crettingham Bell on Wednesday 22nd December.

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.

STUNNING RESULTS!!

Last month I reported on the likely sums raised for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) and St Peter's Church by the participation of three Cretingham residents in the annual Sponsored Ride and Stride. Today I can bring you up-to-date with the simply fantastic totals that they raised.

MONTY GARDINER accosted me whilst I was dog-walking to hand me an envelope containing his sponsorship money. I had expected something around £300. Instead the envelope contained **FOUR hundred and THIRTY-FIVE pounds**. I'll say that again: £435.00. A staggering sum!! Thank you to everyone who sponsored Monty who was ably chaperoned around his tour of local churches by Mum, Linda. And thank you again Monty for giving up a good part of your weekend to cycle all those miles.

In each year that Monty has ridden the total he has raised has risen. So – what's the target for 2022 Monty? £500????

My guess in mid-September when the last article was written was that Larry Bosman, who was a Strider this year, would raise in the region of £150 to £200. Wrong again Gourlay!! Larry amassed a great number of sponsors who contributed a total of **THREE hundred pounds**. Thank you Larry for battling your injured back and, like Monty, raising even more than you did last year.

So between them £735 has been sent to SHCT and we will be sent a cheque for half the proceeds (£367.50) to add to Church funds.



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Church	Nov 7th 3 Before Advent Red	Nov 14th 2 Before Advent Remembrance Red	Nov 21st Christ The King Red	Nov 28th Advent 1 Purple
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer Remembrance	8.30am Holy Communion	
Chars field w. Debach	↓	10.45am Remembrance 3pm Debach		10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	10am Benefice Holy Communion	10.50am Remembrance	10am Holy Communion	
Dallinghoo	↑	10.45am Remembrance	10am Family Service	
Earl Soham	↑	10.45am Remembrance	10am Holy Communion	10am Family Service
Hoo	↑	At Letheringham		8.30 Morning Prayer
Monewden	↑	10.45am Remembrance Holy Communion		10am Family Service
Letheringham	↑	8.30am Remembrance		

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2021



Date	Holy communion	Morning and Evening Prayer	Psalm
Nov 7th	Hebrews 9: 24-end Mark 1: 14-20		
Nov 14th	Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8	Daniel 12: 1-3 Mark 13: 1-8	Psalm 16
Nov 21st	Revelations 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Daniel 7: 9,10&13,14	Psalm 93
Nov 28th	1, Thessalonians 3: 9-end Luke 21: 25-36	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36	Psalm 25 vs 1-9

The Benefice Holy Communion
On Sunday 5th December
10am
Is at St. Andrew & St. Eustacius, Hoo
All Welcome

ASHFIELD NOTES

CYCLING AUDAX.

At the end of September Ashfield Church hosted a refreshment stop for a long distance cycling event. I am indebted to Kath and Colling Burton for masterminding this along with their team of helpers who provided cakes and savouries and helped on the day. As a result of this event proceeds amounting to over £450 have been paid into church funds. We received many favourable comments from the 50+ participants. Whilst many were local at least two had traveled down from Doncaster and one cyclist who visited us was 84 years old!.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Ashfield will remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice at an Act of Remembrance immediately following Evening Prayer [6.30pm] on Sunday 14th November. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to assemble inside the back of the church at 7pm and wait for the church service to finish before we all assemble at the war memorial.

AN EVENING IN THE COMPANY OF PETER HOLLOWAY.

Whilst it wasn't possible to hold the Harvest Supper again this year I am delighted to let you know that we will be holding an evening in the company of Peter Holloway with supper on Saturday 20th November 7 for 7.30pm. More details will be circulated on the parish email for Ashfield residents anyone further afield is asked to contact Robert Grimsey,

RG.



PARISH COUNCIL.

Roadside hedges and ditches.

Thank you to all those residents who have cut back their hedges since the message in last month's magazine. Your efforts are much appreciated. There are still a few stretches of hedge that overhang the road hopefully these will be dealt with soon please! If having cut back your hedges you are still struggling to see what traffic is approaching on the road then perhaps you need to further reduce either the height or width of your hedge/s

If you have a ditch/ditches running around or through your property it is important that these are kept clear to accommodate drainage water during periods of heavy rainfall. Arguably more important is to ensure that the ends of pipes are clear, both supply and flow ends must be clear to prevent blockages and potential flooding.

Any queries relating to the above can be addressed by contacting Cllr. Robert Grimsey.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of Ashfield Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Matter for discussion in the 'Public Forum' should ideally be brought to the attention of the Clerk [details at back of this mag] at least one week before the meeting so that necessary preparation can be made otherwise it may be necessary to carry the matter over to a future meeting.

Ashfield residents and members of the general public are entitled to attend a Parish Council meeting. They may only speak during the public forum at the beginning of the meeting unless called by the Chairman, the latter is quite unusual.

ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

DALLINGHOO NOTES

Services for November

14th Nov 10.45am Remembrance Sidesperson C. Sullivan

21st Nov 10am Family Service Sidespersons D. Gill & T. Love

Due to the expected repairs to the interior of the church, please note that the Remembrance service will take place in the open air – there will be some seating available but do dress warmly. The Family Service will take place in the Village Hall.

CARPET BOWLS

Carpet Bowls will begin again (hurrah) in Dallingham Village Hall at 7.30pm on the following Wednesdays. Everyone welcome and no experience necessary, gentle exercise and a pleasant social evening. November 3rd & 17th, December 1st & 15th. Contact Cliff Green 01473737421 for more details.

Many thanks Cliff



St Mary's, Dallingham - How is our repair programme going?

The repairs to the outside are complete and they look fantastic. So, do go and have a walk around St Mary's and you'll see lots of evidence of new stonework, repointing, roof repairs and gutter repairs. In a few months' time these will start to 'weather-in' and disappear - so do go soon.

Meanwhile we are planning the internal repair programme. The main challenges are to:

- Remove all the flaking plaster, repair the cracks and then re-plaster
- Modify two of the windows in the north and south nave to enable secure ventilation
- Repair the areas of the floor where tiles have come loose
- Clean and inspect all the woodwork and walls
- Where needed, repair and treat the wood worm and death watch beetle infestations
- And finally, to redecorate

This phase will cost about £35,000 and we are hoping to be able to raise the money to start this work next Autumn. So do please make a donation to help us by visiting our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/search?q=Dallingham>

Meanwhile, many of you will know that in June we had some plaster fall from high up by the ceiling and crash down onto the floor making a big mess! Getting this repaired has proved to be very complex as the unstable plaster is very hard to get at. We do now finally have a technical solution that is acceptable to all and the repairs will be done in time for Christmas.

For more information about our appeal contact Jeremy Quinlan (jeremyq@tiscali.co.uk), Chairman of the Dallingham Church Repair Fund.

The Dallingham Church Repair Fund – other fund-raising

A sunflower growing competition

We held a sunflower growing competition from mid-March to the end of August. Entries were £1 apiece and competitors were supplied with at least a seed an entry. There were 92 entries. The winner was Christine Allen; her sunflower measured 268 cm (8', 9½"). The runner-up was Jo Maghoo with 259 cm (8', 6").



Roy Tricker's conducted tour of St Mary's, Dallingham, 3rd September

Roy Tricker is a celebrated speaker on churches. In particular, he is an expert on Suffolk's churches and in 2018 was awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to heritage in Suffolk. News of his talk spread widely – the man is a draw – and seventy one people had tickets. Due to Covid, we considered this was enough - so another 30 had to be turned away.

He produced evidence that in the 1700's the tower collapsed through lack of maintenance and demolished the chancel below; it was re-built but not so high. The coat of arms at the back of the pulpit is, despite showing a pomegranate, not those of Catherine of Aragon; it was supposed to be those of Henry VIII but in fact, as the carver got the quartering reversed, it is a nonsense. He recommended lying in the aisle the better to see the ceiling and demonstrated exactly what he meant. There was much more, all most enjoyable; his audience responded warmly.

We much look forward to seeing the guide book he has promised to produce, perhaps his 201st.

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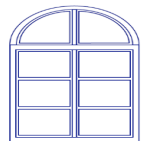
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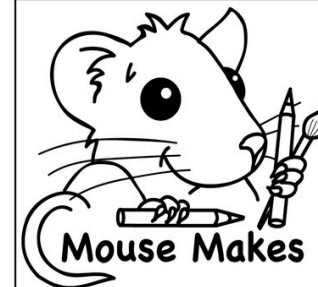
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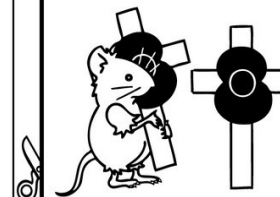
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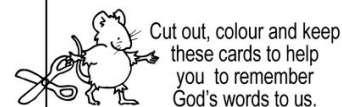
**Remember
all the
commandments
of the Lord
and obey them**

Colossians 3:25

Jesus said:
"No one can have
greater love than
to give his life for
his friends."



John 15:13



Remember the words Jesus said:

*"It is more blessed to give
than to receive."*

Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread,
gave thanks,
broke it and said,
"This is my body
which I am giving
for you, do this to
remember me."

Luke 22:19

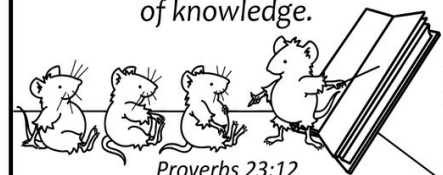


Remember to keep
the Sabbath day Holy

Exodus 20:8



Remember what you are taught,
and listen carefully to words
of knowledge.



Proverbs 23:12