

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

June 2022

From The Rectory...

Wow! What a wonderful service. Thank you to everyone who was involved in my licensing service on 18th May. It was a wonderful evening, with a warm, loving welcome being felt from within the benefice, not just for me, but also to all the guests attending, especially to those who travelled from my previous church.



And now our journey continues. As we have moved out of Lent and Easter, I pray that whatever personal outcome might have been achieved for you during this time, which provides a wonderful time of reflection and prayer, I hope that you feel refreshed, renewed and through the resurrection, feel a sense of a new beginning.

There is a popular expression, 'today is the first day of the rest of your life', and that is how we should view the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that every day is a new day, a day when we can start afresh. Whatever regrets we may have, or whatever mistakes we may have made, Jesus Christ gives us an opportunity to make a fresh start today, to experience a new beginning.

After my licensing service, I was asked how I felt and the word I found was 'extraordinary'. Feeling the love and support of so many was extraordinary.

Thinking of the film Dead Poets Society, the teacher John Keating (Robin Williams) encourages the boys whom he taught, 'Carpe diem. Seize the day boys. Make your lives extraordinary'. Keating challenged the boys to be brave enough to be whatever was in their hearts to be, and that is the incredible power that I felt on allowing Christ into my heart, into my life and after my licensing service...extraordinary. It is for me to seize the day as I begin my ministry here in Mid-Loes.

Could I ask each of you to 'seize the day', to look at each day afresh, and to think of the wonder that each day presents for us, each day that offers the opportunity of a new beginning.

With love and blessings, Revd Gary.



Hymns in the Garden

The next Hymns in the Garden will be held at Firs Farm, Monewden at 3.00pm on June 23rd. Please join us for singing, followed by refreshments. If you do not have transport, this can be arranged by calling Kathleen on 01473737285. We would love to see you.



**Primary age children are invited to this year's
holiday club,
run by our local churches
at Brandeston Village Hall
on August 15th 16th 17th
THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS**



**9.30 am to 1.30pm
Bring a picnic lunch**

**£4 per day for first child
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reedjo@hotmail.com**

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's	
JUNE	Mrs Rothery/Mrs Hinton
JULY	Mrs Edmundson/Mrs Tinkler
Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278	

EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB

Earl Soham Bowls Club members play every Saturday afternoon until 24 September 2022 at the bowling green (opposite John Hutton Butchers) at 2.30pm.

We are looking for new members to join. No previous experience necessary so if you would like to come along one Saturday afternoon and have a go, you would be most welcome.

If you have any further questions, please contact Martin Dorey (Secretary) on telephone: 01728 684880, or email: martin.dorey58@btinternet.com



Earl Soham Fete 2022

Saturday 6th August

Donations Evening

Unfortunately, due to changed circumstances, this year we are unable to make doorstep collections as in the past.

However, your kind donations are very important to the success of the Fete, and we would like to ask you to help by bringing your donations to the Village Hall on

Friday evening July 29th

More details will be circulated shortly

Thank you

Earl Soham Church Fete Committee

ASHFIELD NOTES

CELLO CONCERT, THANKS.



A wonderful evening took place in St Mary's at the end of April when we welcomed Yalda and Shieda Davis for an evening of cello music.

The evening was very well received by the 30 or so people present. As well as residents of Ashfield and adjoining parishes

we had people from near Bury St Edmunds and Halstead. After an hour or so of rousing music including some light humour we rounded the evening off with drinks and canapés.

A part time resident of the village who thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening has kindly offered to find us other musicians to enable us to hold similar concerts in the future so watch this space.

Proceeds from the concert totalled £450 which have been put into church funds.

Thank you everyone!

ROGATION SERVICE AND REVD GARY BEST.

By the time you are reading this Ashfield will have hosted the benefice Rogation Service which is also the first service lead by our new priest in charge Revd Gary Best. I look forward to working with Revd Gary and to him getting to know many of you as well. He plans to get out and about in the villages so hopefully you will soon get to meet him.

Robert.

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

After a two-year absence The Letheringham Priory Spring Concert returned on Friday 29th April

It was a real privilege to listen to Garry Magee sing Ralph Vaughan Williams' Song Cycle, **Songs of Travel** supplemented with an extended programme of songs by various composers ranging from Gluck to Handel. Garry was accompanied by Christine Whiffen (piano), who additionally played two solo pieces by Grieg and Inglot.

The concert raised some £741 for St Mary's restoration fund and will go towards the much needed repairs to the Church Fabric.

Our thanks to Garry and Christine and everyone that helped make this a very special evening.

Not to be missed Monday Mardle June 6th at 7pm: Soil Cinderellas



Historian Nicky Reynolds will give an informative and entertaining talk entitled **Soil Cinderellas** on the often overlooked contribution that the **Women's Land Army** made to the war effort in both the First & Second World Wars in East Anglia.

Please note: Given the theme of this month's Mardle, Fiona Siddall has kindly agreed to our holding it in Easton Farm Park's Riverside Café.

Entrance £10 includes a complimentary Glass of wine and nibbles, all proceeds to St Mary's restoration fund



CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
June	Mrs Walker	Mrs Oliver & Mrs Walker
July	Mrs Sedgwick	Mr & Mrs Gourlay

PATRONAL FESTIVAL being held in St. Peters Church on **Sunday 26th**

June.

The service starts at the later time of **11am** and will be a feast of popular hymns, the church will be decorated by our wonderful team of Flower Arrangers in the colours of St. Peter and is an opportunity for us to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Gary Best to Cretingham.



Hopefully the weather will be kind and we are inviting everyone to bring their own picnic, chairs and drinks to find a sunny or sheltered spot in our beautiful churchyard to enjoy a leisurely lunch with friends afterwards.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Coffee and Chat This month we are meeting on –

Monday 13th June 10.30 – 12

Come along for a chat and meet others over a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits !!



Services this month in St. Peters, Cretingham.

12th June – 10 am Morning Prayer
19th June – 10 am Holy Communion
26th June – 11 am Patronal Festival



Can you help? Our Annual Village Church Fete will take place on Saturday 16th July on Oak Corner in the afternoon. If you can help then please contact Pauline on 01473 737317 or email Heather on heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk.

Magazine Editor

Mid-Loes Benefice Magazine

The Benefice Magazine is seeking a new Editor to manage the editorial content and layout on this exciting monthly magazine.

Each month, copy is supplied by the parishes of the benefice, along with advertising copy, all working to strict deadlines. The role of the Editor will involve proof-reading the copy and laying out the pages and having 'artistic licence' to keep the magazine exciting and relevant. There are 11 copies per year and each month takes approximately 2 days to complete, 1 if everything goes according to plan!

A good understanding of Microsoft Word and Excel, along with any other publishing programs (we currently use Publisher), would be a great advantage. There will also be a requirement to work with the local printer and to chase copy if deadlines are not being met.

If you have the relevant experience and wish to have a further conversation, please contact Alison Pearce -

ali.maged@outlook.com; or

Revd Gary Best – revgarybest@gmail.com.

MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
June 5th		J Vonberg		
12th	F Watts		J Dinwiddy	C Saxby
19th		W Heath		
26th	W Heath		W Heath	L Grier

READERS: June 12, Jill, Paul.

NEW PRIEST: The Licensing of the Rev. Gary Best for the Mid Loes Benefice took place at Dallinhoo Church on Wednesday May 18. A full congregation was there to witness this event including a choir from Gary's previous parish. Bishop Martin was in attendance as were many other local church officials. After the service there was a reception in the nearby village hall.

COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE STALL: This Month on the Saturday the 18th we will be holding a combined Coffee Morning and Cake Stall in the village hall from 10 a.m. onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served plus a good selection of home made cakes. Come and join us, the 100 Club draw prizes for May will be drawn at this event.

POP-UP PUB: The Village Hall was transformed into a Pop Up Pub on the evening of Friday 6th May with a good selection of beers and soft drinks. The event was a great success with a lot of people turning up and having a good time. I am sure that the event will be repeated some time in the future.

NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: Monewden PCC and all the village would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Gary Best as he takes over as our parish priest in the near future.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: To celebrate the Jubilee Monewden will be having their event on Friday 3rd June. See the advert in the magazine for full details of what is happening. Any donations of Union Jack items (bunting, plates etc) for the jubilee would be welcomed- please drop them to Sian Kingston when you find them!

VILLAGE AUCTION: September is when we plan to hold another auction. Please start saving and thinking about suitable items.




Celebrate
FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

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SERVICES FOR JUNE 2022

Church	June 5th Pentecost <i>Red</i>	June 12th Trinity <i>White</i>	June 19th Trinity 1 <i>Green</i>	June 26th Trinity 2 <i>Green</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	8.30am Holy Communion	
Chars field w. Debach	10am Benefice Holy Communion		6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	↑	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion	10am Patronal Festival
Dallinghoo	↑	6.30pm Holy Communion	10am Family Service	
Earl Soham	↑	10am Family Service	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Hoo	↑	8.30am Holy Communion		8.30am Morning Prayer
Monewden	↑	10am Holy Communion		10am Family Service
Letheringham		Green 15th June 6.30pm Mid Week Evening prayer		

READINGS FOR JUNE 2022

Date	Holy Communion	Morning and Evening Prayer	Psalm
June 5th	Acts 2: 1-21 Matthew 22: 16-22		
June 12th	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 John 16: 12-15	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 John 16: 12-15	Psalm 8
June 19th	Isaiah 65:1-9 Luke 8: 26-39	Isaiah 65:1-9 Luke 8: 26-39	Psalm 43
June 26th	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end Luke 9: 51-end	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end Luke 9: 51-end	Psalm 16



The Benefice Holy Communion
On Sunday 3rd July
Will be held at
St. Mary's, Earl Soham
10am
All Welcome

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
June 5 th 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Charsfield	Benefice Holy Communion at Charsfield All Welcome	
June 12 th	No Service at Charsfield. Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
June 19 th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Pauline Margaret	Margaret
June 26 th 10am Holy Communion	Ros Linda	Linda

Cleaning Rota

11th June	25th
Sheila & Pauline	Stephanie & Margaret

Flower Rota

11th & 18th June	25th & 2nd July
Gill Winkworth	Bev Gugenheim

A note from St Peter's PCC

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning at Hill Farm on Friday 13 May.

We raised an encouraging £604.20 – pretty good since we've not been able to hold this happy occasion for a couple of years.

Thank you to the contributors, the stall holders, those who came and spent their money and to those who generously gave donations.

St Peter's Church - Diary Notes

Friday 3rd June 1030am

Tea/Coffee & Cake at the church. Join us to enjoy the **flower arrangements** celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee throughout the weekend.

Saturday 4th June 2pm
Charfest - See us at the **Big Raffle**

Sunday 5th June 10.00am
Benefice Holy Communion, Charsfield, followed by tea/coffee & cake, as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – all welcome

Saturday 2nd July 10am-12noon
Summer Sale & Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Coffee/tea & cake, cakes, bric a brac, books and plants

Please support these events and help keep our church in good heart for future generations



*Charsfield Baptist Coffee Pot,
every Tuesday morning at the
new time of 10.30am - 12 in
the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome*

Celebrating Kurt's Baptism



On Sunday 1st May, Kurt Finch, became the first person for some 180 years to be immersed in the chilly water of the baptistry that hides under the floor in St Mary's, Otley. Watched by the congregation via video. Canon Brynn Bayman, in the water, and the Revd Kathleen Martin staying dry in the priest's special alcove beside the pool, baptised Kurt in preparation for his forthcoming confirmation in June at Framlingham College. The baptistry in the vestry at Otley is one of only a very few in a medieval

church and the only one in Suffolk. It may have been constructed in 17th century, possibly at the request of local Anabaptists. The last recorded baptism took place in 1840 and the baptistry was later boarded over and forgotten.

It was a great privilege for me to be involved in this baptism,
Kathleen



Charsfield and Dallinghoo Women's Institute

We invite you to join us or visit us and enjoy interesting speakers, friendly company and excellent catering!

Our meetings are held at either Dallinghoo village hall (in the summer) or Charsfield village hall (in the winter) on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm.

Guests and new members are always welcome - for more information contact the secretary Ros Bayley at ros.bayley@gmail.com or 01473 737171

We would love to have some new members join us to make 2022 a better year! Give us a try, come along as a guest and see what we're like!

Our meeting on 13th June at Dallinghoo Village Hall is 'The Stigma of Sutton Hoo' by Sally Sibley.

Charsfield Flower Show

The Flower Show this year

Saturday 6th August

At the village hall

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(Friday eve)

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out on the day - please email

Wickham Market Flower Club

Do you like flowers and flower arranging? Would you like to watch great demonstrators to see how it's done or get ideas? Well you can at our club.

We meet every 4th Thursday of the month (except August and December), in Wickham Market village hall. Our meetings start at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm for you to browse our sales table or buy raffle tickets. At the end of each meeting we raffle off the flower arrangements.

You don't have to join our committee or be able to arrange flowers to enjoy our meetings. We welcome people of all ages and have members that come from surrounding villages and towns. Your first ordinary meeting is FREE, so come along and see what we are all about, bring a friend or two, we would love to see you. Let us entertain you for the evening.

If you would like further information or find out more about the club, Please feel free to contact our wonderful chairman June Allum on 01473 384803.

Pearl Crane

Committee member.

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
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Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285

Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317

Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

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DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

The Covid pandemic has disrupted international supply lines for many of the goods and services that we previously took for granted, the consequence being an increase in inflation, which drives up the cost of living. This challenge is now further compounded by war in the Ukraine and whilst our thoughts are quite rightly with the people of Ukraine, we must also recognise the need for the UK to become more self-sufficient in the future, and less reliant on imported goods - particularly food and energy.

Ukraine was the biggest international producer of fertiliser and the biggest exporter of wheat. As a result of the war, there has been considerable disruption to supplies, leading to increases in the cost of many food stuffs in our shops, such as bread and breakfast cereals.

Looking ahead, we simply must produce more of our own food. By protecting and supporting our farmers and food producers, we also protect consumers by keeping food prices in the shops lower in the long run.

Here in Suffolk, our farmers stand ready to rise to the challenge of producing more locally-grown food, but we must also look to support them better. We've heard from our farming leaders that they are concerned about "crippling" labour shortages, and I'd like to see the Government look at improving current immigration policies, as well as at the Skilled Workers Visa scheme, to try and help tackle this issue.

We also need to step down our reliance on an overseas workforce to plug our seasonal workforce gap. To achieve this, we need to develop homegrown talent – make the sector appealing to work in, develop a greater vocational offer and bring forward and support our next generation of farmers and food producers. Where appropriate, I would also like to see greater support become available, allowing our farmers to diversify and support the appropriate roll-out of solar energy, whilst simultaneously recognising the need to protect our precious farmland from inappropriate housing development.

I am disappointed that Ipswich Borough Council chose to prioritise the development of green fields of the northern fringe, rather than prioritise brownfield development in the town centre. Brownfield town centre redevelopment would also have helped to regenerate a part of the town that most needed it. I have no doubt that the shop keepers in the town centre would also have liked to have the additional footfall that this regeneration would potentially have delivered. Approaches such as these have worked well elsewhere, and it is time that all of our local councils put into action a brownfield first policy.

But more than this, we need to start protecting and supporting our own food producers. We need to start listening more to our farmers and, where is practicably reasonable, better protect farming land for food production.

The war in the Ukraine has brought much into perspective - the importance of protecting freedom of speech, the importance of improving our energy security, and the importance of increasing our food security. If we want to keep food prices in the shops down in the long run, perhaps it is time we thought not just in terms of fair-trade shopping, but of supporting local. It is only through supporting our local farmers and food producers that we will help to keep prices down for consumers and hard-pressed families.

HOO NOTES

Hoo church is having a get together in the churchyard at 3pm on Sunday 3 July 2022, for an afternoon of words and music to celebrate the lives of Margaret Doe and Percy Mapperly. Please bring your own chairs, cushions or rugs; if the weather is against us, the event will take place in the church. Light refreshments will be provided and there will be a closing collection in aid of Hoo church. We hope you will join us for a relaxing afternoon to celebrate the memory of two loyal worshippers and workers for our church over many years.

If you have any queries, please let me know. Kind regards
Francis Whitbread





A poster for the Queen's Jubilee Street Party. At the top, a string of Union Jack bunting hangs across the width. Below it, on the left, is a red circular badge with a white border containing the text 'More details to follow'. In the center is a blue silhouette of a woman's head wearing a crown and a pearl necklace. To the right of the silhouette is a purple circular logo with 'THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022' and a smaller logo below it that says 'JUBILEE the big lunch'. Below the silhouette, the text 'Tickets £5 adults £2.50 under 10's' is displayed. At the bottom, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' is in large red letters, followed by 'QUEEN'S JUBILEE STREET PARTY' in blue. Below this, a horizontal line separates the text 'A community celebration for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee'. Another horizontal line follows, then the date '05.06.22' in large red letters, with 'Jubilee Hall Dallinghoo' in blue to its right. A final horizontal line is at the bottom, followed by the text 'Please let us know ASAP how many in your household are hoping to come so we can plan accordingly and let us know if you'd like to be involved in organising. Contact Helen helen.tye@gmail.com or 07922652992'.

More details to follow

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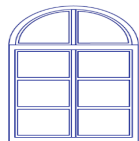
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