

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

July 2022

From The Rectory...

Hospitality... more than just food and drink.

Six weeks have now passed since my installation as Priest-in-Charge within the Mid-Loes Benefice and already I am feeling at home, right across the eight parishes in which I serve.

I thought it only right that I should say 'thank you' on behalf of all those that travelled from my previous parish, who have all said how warmly welcomed they were and thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone who made the evening so special. The whole evening reminded me of the importance of welcoming others into our lives and how hospitality should form such an important part of our lives.

Since my installation, we have also celebrated our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which was a wonderful occasion for all the villages, where again, the level of hospitality was wonderful, especially witnessing people of all ages, family, friends and neighbours, celebrating together... and mainly in the sunshine!

It is easy to suggest that hospitality is just about food and drink, but it goes far beyond this. The Collins English Dictionary defines hospitality as, 'kindness in welcoming strangers or guests', which suggests more than just providing food and drink... it is about the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

The hospitality that I have received during the past weeks has been wonderful, a real welcome of the 'stranger', which has been expressed across all the parishes.

Hospitality benefits both the guest and the host, and it is the process of hospitality that creates change in both the host and the guest, as it is mutually beneficial and covers spiritual and emotional needs as well as practical. It is in the welcome of hospitality that friendships can start to develop and the stranger start to flourish. Listening attentively and being fully present to another is indeed one of the highest forms of hospitality.

Friendships forged in hospitality contradict contemporary messages about who is valuable, good to be with and can give life to others. Hospitality is an antidote to loneliness, and helps form community, where all are welcomed irrespective of age, gender, social class or ethnicity. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, living a servant leadership, welcoming the other and not seeking status. This formation of a hospitable community to which all are welcome may appear to be counter cultural to many but it is truly biblical. Such communities are also signs of hope that love is possible in this world, and that is my prayer for the communities here in the Mid-Loes Benefice, for all the churches and everyone associated with them, that we will continue to show, that we are churches of hospitality in all its true meaning.

With love and blessings, Revd Gary Best.

Mid-week Morning Prayer

I will be continuing the said Mid-week Morning Prayer this month. The first of this month will be at Cretingham on 13th July at 10.00am, the second will be at Dallinhoo on 27th July at 10.00am. There will be an opportunity for a cup of coffee and a chat after the service

Hymns in the Garden

We will continue Hymns in the Garden this month, this is open to anyone who likes singing. This will be on July 21st at 3.00pm at the Cartshed, Firs Farm, Monewden by kind invitation of Betty Cole. If you would like to join us for singing, followed by refreshments, but do not have transport, this can be arranged by calling Kathleen on 01473737285.

I look forward to seeing you there
Kathleen

**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**

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EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's	
JULY	Mrs Edmundson/Mrs Tinkler
AUGUST	Mrs Denton/Mrs Patterson
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

GARDEN OPEN EVENINGS AT CORNER VIEW.

Both of the open evenings at Corner View were blessed with fine weather. On each occasion a steady stream of visitors came through the gate and enjoyed not only the original garden and the arboretum where the *Aesculus* were mostly in full bloom also the 'new' circular garden that has been created over the last 2-3 years and is now beginning to take shape as the planting grow up. After a walk round visitors were able to enjoy a drink and light refreshment and a chance to chat with friends or ask about various plants etc.

Donations were invited upon leaving and these along with several received in the post from those unable to attend have so far raised just short of £450 for Ashfield Church.

At the time of writing this article and before you receive the July magazine one further open evening will have taken place. Thank you everyone, it was nice to see you and your donations are greatly appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL.

At an 'extra' Parish Council Meeting convened primarily to discuss a planning application we for practical reasons moved our regular meetings from a Wednesday night to Mondays. The dates for the remaining meetings of this session of the Council are as follows; 11th July, 12th Sept, 12th Dec. and 13th Mar [2023]. All meetings take place in the village hall and start at 7.30pm unless advertised otherwise.

Ashfield PC can have as many as seven councillors. At the present time we have just five so have two vacancies which can be filled by co-option. If anyone would like to put themselves forward to serve on the Parish Council please speak to any of the existing members, Chris Sharpe, Ruth Hart, Myles Hansen, Simon Garrett or myself.

Alternatively why not come along to one of the above meetings, so what we get up to and then perhaps consider putting yourself forward for election to the Parish Council next May when everyone has to seek re-election.

The position of being a councillor doesn't need to be onerous at all however there is scope to get more involved with a specific project/s as required. So please think about it and perhaps join us in working for the betterment of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe.

Robert Grimsey. Chairman.

FOOTPATHS.

Ashfield benefits from a quite extensive network of public footpaths which are generally speaking well maintained. Most of our paths are well used although probably slightly less so now that we are out of Covid restrictions. I hope that you are at least once in a while able to enjoy a walk. I would like to reiterate the comment I get from the landowners over whose land these paths traverse and that is that dogs should be kept on a lead or under close control at all times please. This is to prevent both livestock and wildlife from being unnecessarily disturbed. Should you encounter any problem or issue with any of the paths please do let Malcolm Pease or myself know as soon as possible so that remedial action can be taken promptly as required. Thank you.

PARISH MAGAZINE DONATIONS 2022.

Further to my previous comment on this I would like again to thank all of you who have so generously made donations towards the costs of the magazine. This is greatly appreciated as it helps to cover the costs without dipping into other church funds. If you are one of the few who has to date not made a donation and would like to, please drop your contribution into an envelope and deliver it to either Jane Davidson [Ashfield Hall] or Robert Grimsey [Corner View]. RG.

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

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CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
July	Mrs Sedgwick	Mr & Mrs Gourlay
August	Mrs Kemp	Mrs Oliver & Mrs Walker



CRETINGHAM CHURCH VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 16th July on Oak Corner

2 – 4pm.

Donations for the various stalls will be gratefully received **BOOKS, BOTTLES, PLANTS & PRODUCE** - donations on the day welcomed (or can be left in church on the Friday before).

RAFFLE PRIZES to Pauline, Home Farm, Otley Road
TOMBOLA donations week before the day to Christine Chenery please. **CAKES** on the day please.

Thankyou



If you are able to offer a game, help out on a stall please get in touch with Pauline 01473 737317 if would be a great help.

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Coffee and Chat This month we are meeting on

Monday 11th July 10.30 – 12

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



Church Services for July in St. Peters Cretingham

10th July

Morning Prayer 10 am

17th July

Holy Communion 10 am with Baptism of Alfie Isaac Jay

31st July

Holy Communion 10 am

Magazine Editor - Required to start Mid August for September Edition 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.

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.

MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
July 3rd				
10th	S Kingston	L Grier	P Keeble	W Heath
17th				
24th	M Gibson	F Watts C Saxby	B Martin	C Saxby
31st	J Coe		D Grier	L Grier

COFFEE MORNING: This month on the Saturday the 16th we will be holding our Coffee Morning in the village hall from 10 a.m. onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, the draw for the 100 Club prizes for July will take place during the morning.

READERS: July 3, Benefice Communion. July 11 Brian, James.

JUBILEE CEEBRATIONS at Monewden were a great success and the credit for this belongs to the many helpers who organised the treasure hunt, the afternoon tea, the evening barbecue and the display of historic Monewden photos in the church. Also thanks to all the households who decorated their properties with bunting this helped to set the mood for the weekend. Thank you all.

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SERVICES FOR JULY 2022

Church	July 3rd Thomas the Apostle Red	July 10th Trinity 4 Green	July 17th Trinity 5 Green	July 24th Trinity 6 Green	July 31st Trinity 7 Green
Ashfield-cum- Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	8.30am Holy Communion		
Chars field w. Debach	↓		6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Cretingham	↓	10am Morning Prayer July 13th 10am Mid Week Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion		10am Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	↓	6.30pm Holy Communion	10am Family Service	27th July 10am Mid Week Morning Prayer	10am Morning Prayer
Earl Soham	10am Benefice Holy Communion	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	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Letheringham					

READINGS FOR JULY 2022

Date	Holy Communion	Morning and Evening Prayer	Psalm
July 3rd	Ephesians 2: 19-end John 20: 24-29	Habakkuk 2:1-4 John 20: 24-29	
July 10th	Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke: 10: 25-37	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 Luke: 10: 25-37	Psalm 77: 1-12
July 17th	Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-end	Genesis 18: 1-10 Luke 10: 38-end	Psalm 81
July 24th	Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11: 1-13	Genesis 18 : 20-32 Luke 11: 1-13	Psalm 88
July 31st	Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23 Luke 12: 13-21	Psalm

The Benefice Holy Communion
On Sunday 7th August
Will be held at
St. Andrew & St. Eustacius, Hoo
10am
All Welcome

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
July 3 rd 10am Benefice Holy Communion Earl Soham	Benefice Holy Communion at Earl Soham All Welcome	
July 10 th	No Service at Charsfield. Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
July 17 th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Margaret Pauline	Pauline
July 24 th 10am Holy Communion	Linda Sheila	Sheila
July 31 st 10am Morning Prayer	Mike Antony	Antony

Cleaning Rota

9th July	23rd
Lucy	Linda & Kurt

Flower Rota

9th & 16th July	23rd & 30th
Margaret Salter	Pauline Llewellyn



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

The chapel will be open again for personal prayer each morning Monday to Saturday, from 10 - 11 am. Feel free to come in for as long as you wish - you are not obliged to stay for the whole hour!

Our next Sing-along Supper will be on Friday 1st July at 6.30pm. This will be the last one before we take a break for the month of August.



Coffee Morning

**Plants, Cakes,
Books, Bric-a-Brac,
Raffle**

Saturday 2nd July

10am-12noon

Charsfield Village Hall

Tea/Coffee Cake £4.00

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Please support by making a cake, donating plants, bric-a-brac, books or a raffle prize. Even better, come and join us! Please contact Linda or Margaret on 01473 737771 or 01473 737182. We can¹⁵ collect. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jubilee Celebrations at St. Peter's in Charsfield

We held a "Coffee and Cake" event at St. Peter's as part of the village's Jubilee Celebrations and for people to admire the flowers decorating the church. Thank you to the flower arrangers who had worked very hard. The church looked wonderful and was much admired. "Coffee and Cake" was well attended and there was a very cheerful atmosphere. Donations raised £104; thank you to everyone who came and to all those who helped at the event.

The church was represented at Charsfest by the Big Raffle. Again a nice day (though a bit windy) meant that the whole event was well supported and the raffle made £212 for the Church Fabric Fund. Thank you to all who donated prizes and helped on the day.

And, of course, St Peter's hosted the Benefice Service, led by our Priest-in-Charge, Gary Best, with 38 people in the congregation. It was a lovely Service and made a very happy and thoughtful finale to our Jubilee celebrations.

**Reminder - Don't forget to come to our next coffee morning at
Charsfield Village Hall
on Saturday 2nd July 10am-12noon**

Charsfield and Dallinhoo Women's Institute



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

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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 11th July at Dallinhoo Village Hall is 'East Suffolk and the Pirate Radio Story' by Brian Nicholas & Charles Wright.

Charsfield Flower Show

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DALLINGHOO NOTES

The Dallinghoo BIG Jubilee Lunch, Sunday 5th June – a report

Well, it was a really most successful GREAT BIG Jubilee lunch. We fed 114 for £5 apiece (children under ten £2.50) and still made a surplus of more than £400; this will be split between the Village Hall and the Dallinghoo Church Repair Fund. The generous provision of so many delicious puddings helped a great deal.

Because the weather forecast was for rain, we put up tents – Pauline & John had big ones; there were several smaller ones too. In fact, it didn't rain but because we were all close together, the event went with a swing, lubricated by drinks from a cash bar. I have heard no reports of anyone catching Covid.

Derek Spall provided chairs, a stage for the music, a fire engine, an ancient car and an enormous crane flying a Union Flag from its jib. A friend brought a Jeep. Shaun Saunders came with three huge speakers for our 1950's music and Charlotte & Andy Sullivan, with help from Jo Maghoo, another big tent and children's games. Laurence Frohn's hoop-la was tubes with cat faces and the prizes KitKat bars.

The Holland Family designed the tickets & posters and stocked and manned the bar. The Hammonds ran a Name-the-Corgi competition (won by Olive King), Charlotte and Linda Ling a delightful Victoria Sandwich Competition (won by Rebecca Blyth) and Ian & Val organised the Jubilee mugs.

Most of all I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Helen, Nell, Clare and Bridgett who helped to plan and produce such a delicious meal and to serve it with such panache and to Robin who does so much behind the scenes.

Apart from the food, Helen Tye's superb organisation and the wholehearted and generous response from so many in the parish really made the day. It is not often that there's competition for a place washing-up!

The draw:

1st Prize - Two nights in a central Cambridge in a charming Grade II listed two-bedroomed house won by Rona Hammond

2nd Prize - £100 Cash won by Andy and Annie Cole

Many thanks to the following for generously donating our other prizes:

Grange Farm Shop - a huge hamper and two £10 vouchers

Hillfarm Oils - two beautiful presentation boxes and six large bottles of Rape Oil

The National Trust at Sutton Hoo - a lovely goodie bag

Garnett's of Hacheston - a cream tea voucher for two

Revett's the Butchers - a £10 voucher

Suffolk Plant Centre - a beautiful rose



Professor Sir Laurence Martin and his wife Betty retired to Dallinghoo in 2001. They derived much pleasure from the Old Barn, and Laurie could be spied, weed killer in one hand, secateurs in the other, “pottering”. He loved the peace and quiet unless there was the chance to talk and discuss anything with anyone. He enjoyed immensely the time he spent in the friendly community of Dallinghoo. He developed many friendships in particular with Pauline and Tim Hedley and Linda and John Barry, without whom he could not have continued to live at the Barn as long as he did.

In his working life Laurie spent much time in the USA in the nascent field of International Relations. He returned to the UK to Aberystwyth as a Professor, moving soon after to become Professor of War Studies in Kings College London. He had a distinguished academic career and in the late 1970s went to Newcastle University as its Vice Chancellor. Following that he moved to London as Director of Chatham House. A short stint in Washington DC saw him hang up his pen as retirement beckoned. He leaves behind his son Bill and Grandsons, Jack and Tom. He was predeceased by Betty and his daughter Jane.

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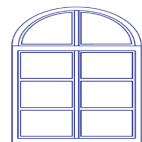
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IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1-31 – 2:3

Read Genesis 1:1-25. Starting with Day 1, find the correct path through the maze to the things that God created on that day. Do this until you have matched all the days with the correct pictures.

