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

March 2022

The season of Lent is upon us. The feast of Shrove Tuesday falls on March 1st this year, that is the day before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. The date can range from as early as February 3<sup>rd</sup> to as late as March 9<sup>th</sup>. Shrove Tuesday is precisely forty seven days before Easter Sunday, which is of course a moveable feast.

Lent is the time of fasting when many of us think about giving something up. We often think of giving up sweets, chocolate, alcohol and so on after the excesses of Christmas, because we need to take off a few pounds before Spring. Lent can also be a time of thinking positively and making other changes in our lives, which can help one another. Now that the facemasks are coming off after two years of lockdowns and isolation, we can be seen to smile and show a friendly face to each other and greet and chat to each other, as we look forward to bringing our communities back together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We must not forget there are some in our communities who remain cautious about getting out and about, we must support them in any way we can, and to help them feel included.

Prayers and Blessings, Kathleen

Prayer for the February Lord God, on the way of goodness, when we fall, forgive us and lift us up. Help us to do your will and seek to bring in your kingdom. Give us the strength to resist temptation and to do what is right and good Amen

# World Day of Prayer 2022

This year we should be able to meet in a physical way on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Church, Earl Soham at 7.30pm. This year's service has been composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

We look forward to joining with you in this special service of reflection and thanksgiving.

Refreshments will be served after the service Jo Reed



# Ash Wednesday

There will be a Deanery Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Debenham Church on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm with Bishop Mike. All Welcome

# Lent Course

The Parables of Jesus – Lent course, begins on Tuesday  $8^{th}$  March.

A five week Lent course hosted by St Michael's church in Framlingham on Zoom, please visit <u>www.stmichaelsframlingham.org.uk/st-michaels-</u> <u>church-news/lent-course-for-2022/</u> for details. The course is open to all

#### PRAYER FOR HEALING

A small group meets every month and if you would like prayer for yourself or someone close who is ill or in any kind of need please get in touch with any of the following:

> Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285 Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317 Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182 Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .

# EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota fo	Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's			
MARCH	Mrs Peacher - Brasses Only			
APRIL Mrs Tinkler - Easter 17th April				
Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278				

## EARL SOHAM WI

Is a friendly group with around 50 members, holding interesting, informative, and entertaining meetings normally on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.00pm.

Our next meeting on March 24th will include entertainment from The Barley Brig Morris Dancers at 7.00pm in Brandeston Village Hall.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings. For more information and to contact Earl Soham WI please find us at <u>www.sefwi.org.uk</u>

Join Earl Soham WI.

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"The Dig " an entertaining Lunch with Charlie Haylock. Tues. 29th March 12.00 for 12.30pm Brandeston Village Hall This meeting is open to all. Tickets £10.00 From Eleri Whitham (01728 628614 eleri.witham@gmail.com)

Charlie Haylock is a very amusing and well known speaker. He will be talking about coaching Ralph Fiennes in the Suffolk accent for the film The Dig. A delicious Soup & Pud lunch will be served.



It's been a long, long wait, but now ...

# **Quiz Night is back!**

# Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

Earl Soham School

# Tickets £5

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# Cash bar. Bring your own food.

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# **ALL WELCOME**

Bring a team, or just turn up and we will assemble teams on the night

# CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

**Church Rotas** 

Date	Readers	Sides person	
March 6th 10am Benefice Holy Commun- ion Dallinghoo	•	Communion at All Welcome	
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	No Service at Charsfield		
	Please check the Magazine for details of Services else-		
	where in the Benefice		
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Pauline	Margaret	
Evening Prayer	Margaret		
March 27 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Mike	Sheila	
(Mothering Sunday)	Sheila		
Holy Communion			

# **Cleaning Rota**

12th March	26th
Stephanie & Margaret	Fran

## Flower Rota

5th March	12th & 10th	26th & 4th Apr
No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers

# **CHARSFIELD POTATO COMPETITION 2022.**

Please enter our competition  $\pounds 1.00$  entry fee and we will see who can

grow the heaviest crop. Collect your potato from Pauline 6 St Peters Close Charsfield on Friday March 25th and Saturday 26th between 10.00am and 12.00 mid day. Weighing to take place on Saturday 6th of August Flower Show Day between 9.00am and 10.30am. Maureen Arbon.



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

Please note that the date of our <u>March Sing-along Supper has been</u> <u>changed to Friday 11th</u>. Next month, on April 8th, we shall be welcoming back Alan and Gwenda Ludkin. We always enjoy being entertained by this musical couple, who sing with Alan's accomplished accordion playing, and everyone gets a chance to join in!

# St Peter's Church Fabric Fund

Coffee Morning on Friday 13 May 2022 10am – 12noon Hill Farm, Charsfield (IP13 7PL - opposite Hall Road)

Cakes \* Bric-a-Brac \* Books \* Plants \* Raffle \* Tea/Coffee & Cake

Please do come and support Offers of cakes, bric-a-brac, books, plants and raffle prizes greatly appreciated.

Please contact Linda 01473 737771 or Margaret 01473 737182

Further dates for your diary: 4 June The Big Raffle @ Charfest 2 July Summer Sale & Coffee Morning, Village Hall

Watch this space for dates of more events, including those over the Jubilee weekend

Charsfield with Debach PCC

PLEASE JOIN US In Celebrating the Baptism of Kurt Edward Finch Sunday 1st May 2022 9.30am St Mary's Church, Otley. IP6 9NP RSVP Becky 07709242040 or Becky@nomadseakayaking.co.uk

#### 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 Dalling-

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 <u>ros.bayley@gmail.com</u> 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!

The speaker for our meeting on 14th March is Hattie Bennett and the subject - Life on the road with the Champagne Trio.



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

#### February 2022

At the end of January, the Government announced plans to radically reform the BBC and review the TV license fee, so it is appropriate to consider what impact these changes may have upon something that many of us value: our own BBC Radio Suffolk.

Many people would support the Government in freezing the annual licence fee over the next two years. Energy bills are rising, and households face other costs as we experience the ongoing economic fallout of the pandemic in the form of rising inflation. Asking the BBC to do some belt tightening and to look for efficiencies at this time is reasonable and should have little or no impact on the quality of its programming.

I also have little doubt from my own experience that parts of the BBC at a national level are over-staffed and inefficient. Each different national news programme - even when they are on the same television channel or radio station - has a completely different production team. This is both unnecessary and expensive.

At national level, BBC channel bosses would do well to learn lessons from our own BBC Radio Suffolk who run the station just as well but on a lower budget and with much fewer staff.

Whilst it is easy to make the case for the BBC at a national level to be run more efficiently and at lower cost, the argument for reform or even scrapping of the license fee is far more complex. When the license fee was introduced, the BBC had a virtual monopoly in UK broadcasting, but times have changed, and there are now hundreds of different television channels and radio stations.

Many people, particularly young people, no longer watch television and instead receive much of their news from social media and entertainment via streaming services such as Netflix, YouTube, or Amazon Prime. This trend is only set to continue, so, it is understandable that people who do not use the BBC would consider the idea of paying a license fee to be outdated.

The BBC is not perfect. It needs to cut its production costs. It needs reform, and to more accurately represent the interests of those living outside of the metropolitan bubble. But, there does remain an important role for a public service broadcaster in our country to present impartial and balanced news with integrity and accuracy. This is ever more important in this age of social media which can often be filled with inaccuracies and misinformation, with perhaps one of the worst examples being the behaviour of the anti-vaccination movement in spreading lies and pseudo-science online. Surely, if there were a time where impartial and balanced news reporting was needed from a public service broadcaster, this is it.

The best of the BBC can be found in our own BBC Radio Suffolk, which is why I shall continue to support some form of a continuing licence fee, but for the BBC to survive, Broadcasting House needs to learn a lot of lessons from their local stations.

#### **MONEWDEN NOTES**

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPER- SON	COFFEE
March 6th	LENT - CLEAN BRASSES ONLY	L Grier		
13th	W Heath		L Grier	W Heath
20th		F Watts C Saxby		
27th	S Kingston		J Dinwiddy	C Saxby

MARCH READERS: Mar. 6 H.C. Dallinghoo; Mar. 13 Jean, James; Mar. 27 Family Service

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, March 19th from 10 a.m. onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, this monthly event is now very popular. The 100 Club draw prizes for March will be drawn at this event.

**VILLAGE HALL** AGM will be on Wednesday, March 16 in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. This is an open meeting and anyone in the village is welcome to attend.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH** APCM will be held at Cretingham Church on Tuesday April 26 at 7 p.m.



#### ASHFIELD NOTES

#### MICHAEL 'JOHNNY' BARRETT RIP.

We recently learned of the death of Johnny Barrett of Debenham. He had for many years lived at Sunnyside Corner where he and his wife Pam raised their family. Our deepest sympathies go to the family at this sad time.

#### PARISH COUNCIL.

The next meeting of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th March starting at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

#### **DONATIONS FOR MAGAZINE.**

Within this magazine you will find a letter from Revd. Kathleen inviting donations towards the cost of producing the Benefice Magazine along with an envelope in which to put any contribution you would like to make. Cheques should be made out to Ashfield PCC. Please return the envelopes to either Jane Davidson [Ashfield Hall] or Robert Grimsey [Corner view]. Thank you in advance.

#### **ASHFIELD CHURCH EVENTS.**

Over the coming months St Mary's will be putting on a series of fundraising events. As yet the dates have to be confirmed however you can look forward to; a Race Night, Cello Concert, Open Garden and the return of the Harvest Supper with more to be announced as the year goes on. Full details of each will be published nearer the time. If you would like to help with making these events happen please contact Jane Davidson. Thank you.

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#### SERVICES FOR MARCH 2022

Church	Mar 6th Lent 1 Purple	Mar 13th Lent 2 Purple	Mar 20th Lent 3 Purple	Mar 27th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday Purple
Ashfield-cum- Thorpe	Ļ	4pm Evening Prayer	8.30am Holy Communion	
Chars field w. Debach	Ļ		6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	Ļ	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion	10am Family Service
Dallinghoo	10am Benefice Holy Communion	6.30pm Holy Communion	10am Family Service	
Earl Soham	<b>↑</b>	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion	10am Family Service
Ноо	<b>↑</b>	8.30am Holy Communion		8.30 Morning Prayer
Monewden	<b>↑</b>	10am Holy Communion		10am Family Service
Letheringham	<b>↑</b>			

### **READINGS FOR MARCH 2022**

Date	Holy Communion	Morning and Even- ing Prayer	Psalms
March 6th	Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13		
March 13th	Philippians 3: 17- 4: 1 Luke 13: 31-end	Genesis 15: 1-12, Luke 13: 31-end	Psalm 27
March 20th	Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13: 1-9	Psalm 63 vs 1-9
March 27th	2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 or Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19: 25-27	Exodus 2: 1-10 or 1 Samuel 1: 20-28 Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19: 25-27	Psalm 34 vs 11-20

The Benefice Holy Communion On Palm Sunday Will be held at St. Mary's, Letheringham 10am All Welcome

#### DALLINGHOO NOTES

# St Mary's, Dallinghoo - 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 replaster 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 carry out the work this Autumn. So do please make a donation to help us by visiting our JustGiving page <u>https://www.justgiving.com/search?</u> <u>q=Dallinghoo</u>

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

Dallinghoo Village Zoom Quiz In aid of the Dallinghoo Church Repair Fund Friday 11th March at 6.30 pm A donation of £5.00 or more will secure your place in the quiz and there is no limit to the size of the teams . Please send your name and e mail address to auntiepoohfromdallinghoo@gmail.com and I will be in touch nearer the time with more details. Please see the Sunflower Competition details on back cover.

### **LETHERINGHAM NOTES**

We are delighted to have new member Maggie Aggiss join the PCC Maggie is also a member of the Wingfield Society. Maggie is a local Historian, the curator of Wattisham Station's Heritage and has published both articles and a book on Wattisham aerodrome.

With the Covid restrictions being relinquished the PCC are pleased to announce the return of the Letheringham Monday Mardles our Spring Programme is detailed below

Letheringham St Mary's Monday Mardles Spring Programme 2022						
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Mardle	Date	Delivered by	Venue			
The Evolution of	Monday	Roger Pulham	Letheringham & Easton			
Greek Architecture	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	(architect)	Village Hall			
	7pm		-			
Woodbridge Tide	Monday	John Carrington	Letheringham & Easton			
Mill, 850 Years of	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	(Chairman of Trus-	Village Hall			
History and Still	7pm	tees)	_			
Relevant Today		,				
ТВС	Monday	TBC	Letheringham & Easton			
	May 2nd		Village Hall			
	7pm		-			
Soil Sisters -The	Monday	Nicky Reynolds	Easton farm Park			
Women's Land Ar-	June 6th	(Historian)				
my in Suffolk WW2.	7pm	· ·				
	(Anniversary					
	of D day)					

#### **CRETINGHAM NOTES**

**Flower and Cleaning Rota** 

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
March	As per rota	Mrs Oliver and Mrs Walker

No further information available at time of going to press.

#### HOO NOTES

Nothing to report at time of going to press.

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MONEWDEN				

# Young Readers Page



# Adventures Mothers in the Bible

# Mother and Child Match

Read the scriptures below. Put the correct letter next to the mother.

1. \_\_\_\_ Eve

- 2. \_\_\_\_ Sarah
- 3. \_\_\_\_ Rebekah
- 4. \_\_\_\_ Zipporah
- 5. \_\_\_\_ Ruth
- 6. \_\_\_\_ Bathsheba
- 7. \_\_\_\_ Naomi
- 8. \_\_\_\_ Hannah
- 9. \_\_\_\_ Elizabeth
- 10. \_\_\_ Mary

- 11. \_\_\_ Eunice
- 12. \_\_\_ Salome

A. Solomon (2 Sam 12:24) B. Mahlon & Chilion (Ruth 1:2) C. Samuel (1 Sam 1:20) D. John the Baptist (Luke 1:57) E. Isaac (Gen 17:19) F. Timothy (2 Tim 1) G. Obed (Ruth 4: 16-17) H. Abel (Gen 4: 1-2) I. Yeshua (Mat 1:16) J. Gershom (Ex 2: 21-22) K. Jacob (Gen 25:28) L. James and John

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