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

April-May 2023



Benefice Communion Service 10am Sunday 2nd April **St. Peter's Church, Cretingham**

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The Deadline for contributions to the JUNE 2023 edition is SUNDAY 21ST MAY

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From The Rectory...

So, here I am writing my editorial approaching the 'last of the first' of all the church celebrations here in Mid-Loes, as we approach Easter, a time of new life, new beginnings and that is exactly how I feel as I approach the end of my first year of serving within this benefice.

I cannot deny that the thought of serving 8 parishes, dealing with 8 PCC's!, etc, etc, would not suit everyone and I don't believe anyone would do it for fun, but for me, this is the power of God's calling, a true sense of vocation in my being here in East Suffolk.

The past 12 months have been a real blessing for me. The warmth and depth of hospitality shown by everyone I have met, has been truly wonderful and to be living in such a beautiful part of the county, is more than I could have imagined. My own ministry is centred around the act of hospitality, of welcoming all whom I meet, in whatever context. It is through hospitality that each of us can extend an act of friendship, of support, of compassion, of love, to friends and strangers alike, and that is not only the centre of my ministry, but it is how I have been met here in Suffolk.

Lent has provided a time of reflection for myself and, being completely open with you, I have asked myself the question as to whether being here in Suffolk is the right place for me. Did I feel I was able to contribute to life across the benefice? Would I be able

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to contribute to the rural way of life that we live day to day, perhaps living out of my comfort zone? Lots of questions, resulting in lots of reflection during Lent and every question I have been asking, the same answer kept coming back to me.... YES, this is where I have put you and I have put you here for a purpose, serving alongside others, serving to many across the parishes. Yes, this is the right place for me to be... that is my Lenten reflection and that is what sits comfortably in my heart and mind.

But, now having lived here for 12 months, I cannot use the 'new boy' card anymore. I feel at home and welcomed by so many and feel very much part of the local community. So, thank you to each and every person that I have met and those I haven't met yet, for making my first year such a good one, but the journey now begins.

Having held various Listening Events during the past 6 weeks, the Ministry Team and I will be reviewing your thoughts on church and ministry going forward here in Mid-Loes. What that looks like, we will let you know within a couple of months, but I know that it will be an exciting time and, most of all, we will continue to share the love of God within our community, through ministry and service, supporting ALL through life's joys and sorrows.

Thank you to everyone for all that you have contributed in making my first year such a blessed year.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary Best

SAVE THE DATE

Vicar's Tea Party

To be held at The Rectory, Earl Soham, Saturday 1st July MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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



Benefice Choir

The next service where the choir will be present, is being held at:

St. Peter's Church, Cretingham Palm Sunday

Sunday 2nd April — Choir present from 9am

If you would like more information, please contact Revd Gary Best or David Irlande.

Revd Gary Best - revgarybest@gmail.com; 01728 685 550 David Irlande - davidirlande@gmail.com; 07931 594 325

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses — St. Mary's					
APRIL 8th-30th only Mrs Lebus					
May	May Mrs Stott				
June	June Mrs Rothery / Mrs Hinton				
July Mrs Edmundson					
Any Problems Ring Denise —685234					

<u>APCM</u> This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place at St. Mary's Church on Monday 16th May, 7.30pm.

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 7pm.



Our next meetings are on: Thursday 27th April - in Brandeston village hall at 7pm. Resolutions Meeting Robert Charlesheade - In Search of Secret Suffolk

Thursday 25th May - in Brandeston village hall at 7pm. Rotating Games Evening

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings. So why not come along and give us a try.

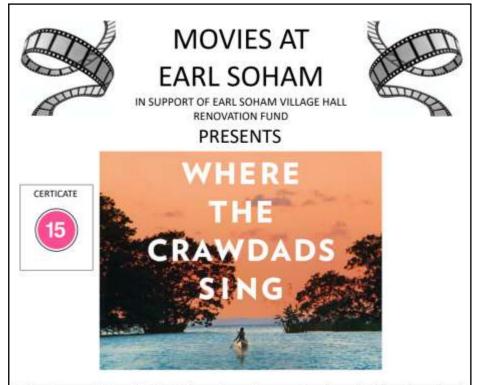
For more information and to contact Earl Soham WI please find us at <u>www.sefwi.org.uk</u> or contact Eleri Whitham - 01728 628614.

EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL



Saturday May 6th 10am-5pm

RING FOR THE KING:bells of St.Mary's Church LIVE SCREENING of THE CORONATION accompanied by teas, coffee and cakes, followed by a celebratory BRING & SHARE PICNIC LUNCHEON CAKE COMPETITION and ARTWORKS on a theme of NATURE & ENVIRONMENT LIVE MUSIC POP-UPS . TUG O' WAR Fun, free and friendly ! For further details, please contact: susie.starke@hotmail.co.uk



The story of Kya (Daisy Edgar-Jones), an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumours of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world; but when one of them is found dead, she is immediately cast by the community as the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what actually happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal the many secrets that lay within the marsh.

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

7.00 for 7.30pm Earl Soham Village Hall Tickets on the door £5.00 Refreshments available THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH EARL SOHAM INVITE YOU TO THEIR CHARITY CONCERT WITH THE IPSWICH GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY

A FUN EVENING OF LIVE SINGING. FROM MUSICAL THEATRE. CLASSICAL AND LIGHT OPERA, TO FOLK AND POP

ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF WINE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE INTERVAL!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, EARL SOHAM, IP13 75B SATURDAY 8th JULY 7:30pm

TICKETS: £15 UNDER 16: £5 LIZZIE HYDE - 017286 84810 IRENE ELMORE - 01728 685814 MARK SARGEANTON - 07831255906

IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH EARL SOHAM FABRIC FUND



Flower and Cleaning Rota 2023				
Altar Flowers Cleaning				
April Mrs Coe Mr & Mrs Gourlay		Mr & Mrs Gourlay		
May Mrs Cobley Mr & Mrs Runacres				

Mothering Sunday – a big thank you to Revd Kathleen Martin for a wonderful service on Sunday (19/3). We started by lighting candles to remember our Mothers and all who cared for us as children – remembering those with us still and those who have passed. Hymns and very thoughtful readings, posies blessed and distributed. A sermon that resonated with each and everyone of us, so thoughtful and inclusive. It seemed very natural to then follow this with Holy Communion. A wonderful service.

We need volunteers, for 1 hours cleaning only, in months of August / October & November – if you can offer just one hour please contact Heather (h.runacres@hotmail.co.uk).

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our <u>BEETLE</u> <u>DRIVE</u> fundraiser. Lots of frantic dice rolling, shouting of BEETLE. Hot supper, bar and prizes made for a great evening on a very wet cold night.



Benefice Service—2nd April PALM SUNDAY

Meet at Oak Corner, Cretingham at 9.45am when we will commence our Palm Procession down to St.Peters. Alternatively please gather at the Church for our 10am Holy Communion Service.

CELEBRATING EASTER AT

ST. PETERS CRETINGHAM

EASTER STALL in CHURCH

Saturday 8th April 2023 10am to 12noon

Join us to browse the stalls, have a chat and taste the delicious refreshments on offer.

Also –

Raffle for Easter Egg and other prizes Coffee & Teas and freshly baked refreshments Produce stall / Books / Plants etc Chocolate Tombola



Easter Sunday Service 9.30am Holy Communion - Sunday 9th April Come and join us for this uplifting service.

'because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed' (John Ch20 v29)

St. Peters Church Cretingham's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

is on Sunday 14th May at 11.30am in Monewden Village Hall. We start the meeting joined with our friends from Monewden and Ashfield, then breaking to discuss matters in our individual parishes.

<u>SERVICES at St. Peter's, Cretingham,</u> <u>for APRIL/MAY 2023</u>

2nd April – 10am Benefice Service Holy Communion 6th April – 7pm Maundy Thursday Stripping the Altar 9th April - 9.30am Holy Communion 16th April – 10am Holy Communion 14th May – 10am Morning Prayer 21st May – 10am Holy Communion

Save The Date

Sunday 25th June - 3pm

Patronal Festival in St. Peters followed by Afternoon Tea being served in the churchyard.

Saturday 15th July

Church Summer Fete on Oak Corner.

Weekend of 9th/10th September

Harvest Festival & Supper

Saturday 18th November – Race Night

EASTER FLOWERS in Church

Do pop in and visit to view the marvellous flower displays in each window and on each ledge celebrating Easter.

Cretingham, Monewden and Hoo Parish Council.

YOUR Parish Council needs you!

The local elections at the beginning of May mark a new 4-year cycle for your Parish Councillors. The Cretingham, Monewden and Hoo PC comprises of nine Councillors - 4 representing Cretingham, 3 representing Monewden and 2 representing Hoo. They meet on four occasions during the year although additional meetings can be called - often to seek villagers' views on planning or other matters.

A significant proportion of the current council are seeking re-election but this does not preclude anyone resident, working, or owning land in one of the three parishes seeking election as a Councillor. Candidates for election must be 18+. At the time of writing (14.03.23) we are likely to have two vacancies - for Councillors representing Cretingham. If there are more candidates than places then a formal election would take place alongside the District Council elections on Thursday 4th May.

If you would like to know more please contact our acting Parish Clerk -Caroline Saxby by email at **cmhparishcouncil@gmail.com** or contact one of the current Councillors - for Cretingham - David Egan, Alister Gourlay, Michael Oliver and Tessa Solomon; for Monewden - Richard Chenery, Brian Martin and Caroline Saxby; and for Hoo - Andrew Branton and Alan Peat. For nomination forms email your request to **elections@eastsuffolk.gov.uk**

It would be reassuring to have a full quota of nine Councillors so as to spread the specific responsibilities (highways; Police; planning; environment; services; finance; health & education) across the whole council.

We are responsible for an annual budget of just under £3,000 with an equivalent sum in Infrastructure Levy to be committed in the next 12-18 months - YOUR input as a new Councillor would be valued.

Our website is: www.cretinghammonewdenhoo.onesuffolk.net

Alister Gourlay. CMH Parish Council Chair 2022-23.

MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS AND BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSON	COFFEE
April 2nd		F. Watts & C. Saxby		
April 9th	L. Grier		L. Grier	W. Heath
April 16th		J. Vonberg		
April 23rd	J. Vonberg		J. Dinwiddy	C. Saxby
April 30th	C. Saxby	W. Heath		

READERS FOR MARCH: April 9th Easter Sunday - James and Martine; April 30th - Jill and Paul.

LENT LUNCHES: Kathleen hosted two well attended Lent Lunches at Firs Farm on March 1st and 15th at which £170 was raised for the Bishop's Lent Appeal for Kagera.

MARCH 100 CLUB WINNERS: £25 P. Keeble; £15 S. Rose; £10 J. Coe.

EASTER SERVICES: The Good Friday Service will this year be at 2pm and the Easter Sunday Service at 11am.

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, April 15th from 10am 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 April will be drawn at this event.

PCC MEETING: There will be a PCC meeting on April 4th, 7.30pm at Firs Farm



DATE	FLOWERS AND BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSON	COFFEE
May 7th	Benefice Service—held at St. Mary's, Ashfield			
May 14th	F. Watts	M. Sills	P. Keeble	W. Heath
May 21st	_	_	_	_
May 28th	W. Heath	L. Grier	B. Martin	C. Saxby

READERS FOR MAY: 14th Mel, Sheila; others TBC.

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, May 20th from 10am onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. The 100 Club draw prizes for May will be drawn at this event.

CORONATION: See main advert on page 13. Come and join in the fun at the village hall on Sunday, May 7th at 3pm. If you feel that you could help in any way please contact Richard or Alison Chenery on 07801 240473.

St. Mary's Church, Monewden Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 14th May at 11.30am Being held in Monewden Village Hall

SAVE THE DATE - 4th JUNE

Monewden PCC are planning an event in the garden at **Firs Farm**, **Monewden** in the afternoon of June 4th. There will be something of interest for the whole family.

There will be more details to follow as we get closer to the date so please keep this date free.



Easter Services across the Benefice

Palm Sunday - Benefice Service

Sunday 2nd April - St. Peter's Church, Cretingham

(if you are able to undertake the walk, meet at Oak Corner at 9.45am, where there will be a Palm Procession to the church)

Maundy Thursday - April 6th

St. Peter's, Cretingham - Stripping of the Altar - 7pm

Good Friday - Friday 7th April

St. Mary's, Ashfield - Service of Reflection - 10am St. Mary's, Earl Soham - Walk of Witness - 9.45am (If you are able to undertake the walk, meet at the Village Green,

where there will be a walk to the church)

St. Mary's, Monewden - Hour at the Cross - 2pm (A service of music and reflection)

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion at all Easter Day Services, to which all are welcome.

St. Mary's, Ashfield - 8.30am

St. Peter's, Charsfield - 9.30am

St. Peter's, Cretingham - 9.30am

St. Mary's, Dallinghoo - 11am

St. Mary's, Earl Soham - 11am

St. Andrew and St. Eustachius, Hoo - 8.30am

St. Mary's, Letheringham - 9.30am

St. Mary's, Monewden - 11am



EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB Earl Soham Bowls Club members play every Saturday afternoon from 22 April until 23 September 2023 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 (Club Secretary) on telephone: 01728 684880, or email: <u>martin.dorey58@btinternet.com</u>

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Please join us for our Easter Sunday Service at St. Mary's, with a Holy Communion Service starting at 11am.

Refer to pages 22-24 for all forthcoming services taking place during April and May.

St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21st May at 11.30am

Being held in the church to which all are welcome.

Wanted: Small Flower Pots

With the Dallinghoo Car Boot, Plant & Cake Sale scheduled for Saturday 15th April, we find we are again short of small plastic flower pots. Those especially wanted are the 3½" (9mm) size, either square or round. If you have any spare and could deliver them to The Old Rectory - just drop them inside our gate- that would be very much appreciated. Alternatively, If you prefer to have them collected, please call 01473-737700.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE EDITOR

The Benefice Magazine is seeking a new Editor to manage the editorial content and layout of this magazine. The role of the Editor will involve proof-reading the copy and laying out the pages, as well as having 'artistic licence' to keep the magazine exciting and relevant. A good understanding of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher would be an advantage. Please contact: Revd Gary Best: **01728 685 550**

Dallinghoo Car Boot Sale Village Hall IP13 OJX 10:00-1:00



Set up from 9:30. Pitches 20ft² £10.00

Prior booking & payment essential

Call: 01473 737700 or 07703 430324

Payment to:

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ dallinghoochurch

Tea & coffee

Plant and Cake Sale!

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Food Bank

Food can be donated to the Food Bank at a collection point in the porch of Charsfield Church. Currently the Food Bank are requesting Cup a Soup, tinned vegetables, fruit and potatoes, instant mash, instant noodles and microwave puddings/cake. Also, toiletries, toothpaste and toothbrushes.



Flower Rota April - May 2023					
April 8thApril 15thApril 22ndApril 29th					
Everyone	Everyone	Angela Farmer	Sheila Green		
May 6th	May 13th	May 20th	May 27th		
Sheila Green	Lucy Fox	Lucy Fox	Gill Winkworth		

Cleaning Rota April - May 2023				
April 9th April 23rd				
Linda & Kurt Gill & Beverley				
May 7th May 21st				
Ros & Lucy Angela & Joyce				

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Date	e Readers Sides person & Offertory				
В	Palm Sunday April 2 nd - 10.00 enefice Service – St. Peter	Jam			
Easter Day Mike April 9 th - 9.30am Linda Holy Communion Linda					
April 16 th - 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Becky Gill	Gill			
April 23 rd - 10am Holy Communion	Ros Sheila	Sheila			
April 30 th - 10am Morning Prayer	Stephanie Margaret	Margaret			
	May 7 th - 10ar Benefice Service – St. Ma				
May 14 th		No Service at Charsfield. Please check the Magazine for details of all Services within the Benefice.			
May 21 st - 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Pauline Margaret	Margaret			
May 28 th - 10am Holy Communion	Mike Sheila Sheila				



Coffee Morning Hill Farm Friday 12 May 10-12noon

Advance notice of the Hill Farm Coffee Morning

We would be particularly grateful for

plants for the plant stall. Please help if you can and let Margaret know on 01473 737182.

Similarly, if you have books or bric-a-brac, contact Margaret.

Services for April 2023

	April 2nd	April 6th	April 7th	April 9th
Church	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Day
	Red	White	Red	White
Ashfield		x	10am Morning Prayer KM	8.30am Holy Communon GB
Charsfield		x	x	9.30am Holy Communion KM
Cretingham	10am Benefice Service Holy Communion GB	7pm Stripping of the Altar	x	9.30am Holy Communion GB
Dallinghoo		x	x	11am Holy Communion KM
Earl Soham		x	9.45am Walk of Witness GB	11am Holy Communion GB
Hoo		x	x	8.30am Holy Communon KM
Letheringham		x	x	9.30am Holy Communion WG
Monewden		x	2pm Hour at the Cross GB	11am Holy Communion WG

Key to Service Leader: GB = Revd Gary Best; KM = Revd Kathleen Martin;

WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay; APW = Amber Pearce Williams, Lay Elder;

CW = Churchwarden; VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.



	April 16th	April 23rd	April 30th
Church	2nd of Easter	3rd of Easter	4th of Easter
	White	White	White
Ashfield	8.30am Holy Communion KM	x	x
Charsfield	6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer KM
Cretingham	10am Holy Communion WG	x	10am Holy Communion GB
Dallinghoo	10am All-Age Worship APW	×	10am Morning Prayer WG
Earl Soham	10am Morning Prayer KM	10am Morning Prayer CW	x
Hoo	x	8.30am Morning Prayer GB	x
Letheringham	x	×	x
Monewden	x	10am All-Age Worship KM	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB

Services continued for April 2023

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Services for May 2023

	May 7th	May 14th	May 21st	May 28th
Church	5th of Easter	6th of Easter	7th of Easter	Pentecost
	White	White	White	Red
Ashfield	10am Benefice Service Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	8.30am Holy Communion KM	x
Charsfield		x	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB	10am Holy Communion GB
Cretingham		10am Morning Prayer KM	10am Holy Communion KM	x
Dallinghoo		6.30pm Holy Communion GB	10am All-Age Worship WG	x
Earl Soham		10am All-Age Worship APW	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer WG
Ноо		3pm Rogation Service GB	x	8.30am Morning Prayer KM
Letheringham		x	x	х
Monewden		10am Holy Communion GB	x	10am All-Age Worship APW

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Benefice Service

Sunday 7th May 2023

St. Mary's Church, Ashfield—10am

Please join us for this very special Benefice Service as we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Date	Readings	Psalm
April 2nd	Psalm 118: 19-24	
	Matthew 21: 1-11	
April 9th	Acts 10: 34-43	118: 14-24
	Matthew 28: 1-10	
April 16th	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	16
	John 20: 19-end	
April 23rd	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	116: 1-7
	Luke 24: 13-35	
April 30th	Acts 2: 42-end	23
	John 10: 1-10	
May 7th	Acts 7: 55-end	31: 1-5
	Subject to change John 14: 1-14	
May 14th	Acts 17: 22-31	Psalm 66: 7-end
	John 14: 15-21	
May 21st	Acts 1: 6-14	Psalm 68: 1-10
	John 17: 1-11	
May 28th	Acts 2: 1-21	Psalm 104: 26-end
	John 20: 19-31	



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES



Coffee Morning

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

Friday 12 May

10am-12noon

Hill Farm, Charsfield (opp. Hall Road)

Tea/Coffee Cake £4.00

Cash payments please

Fund raising in aid of St Peter's Church, Charsfield Fabric Fund

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

Charsfield and Dallinghoo Women's Institute

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

INSPIRING WOMEN 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 President, Maureen Arbon at **thearbons@btinternet.com** or 01473 737346 We would love to have some new members join us. Give us a try, come along as a guest and see what we're like! Planned Speakers for the next two months are:

17th April - Dallinghoo Village Hall 7.45pm
Rubbish Tales from a Serial Litter Picker—Jason Alexander
15th May - Dallinghoo Village Hall 7.45pm
The Long Road to Becoming a Writer—Natalie Meg Evans

Charsfield Baptist Chapel

Come and join us on **Easter Sunday at 11am** in the chapel. John Green will be taking our service, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Please note that after the Easter weekend, our **morning prayer times** in the chapel will be extended to a full hour again,

from 9.30-10.30am Tuesday to Friday.

You are welcome to call in for a part or all of the time.

Sing-along Suppers will be held in the Chapel hall on Friday April 14th and Friday May 12th at 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing Alan and Gwenda Ludkin again on May 12th, when they will be leading the singing on the accordion. All welcome. No tickets required.



Charsfield Recreation Ground

There have been big changes in the membership of the committee this year. Many thanks to the members of the committee who stepped down, for their hard work and contributions to our community.

<u>The new Committee looks like this:</u> Gerry Smith (Chair) Ben Pike (Vice Chair) – new member Jan Carley (Secretary) – returning member Graham Pettingale (Treasurer) Pat Long Antony Wilson Sue McEntegart (100 Club) – new member

We would welcome more members so anyone who might be interested in joining the committee or willing to offer help with events or maintenance, please contact **jancarleycharsfield@icloud.com**. We are particularly looking to set up a planning group to organise CHARSFEST in 2024 and beyond. The current committee is just too small to manage this.

We would like to welcome to the village, everyone who has moved into St Peter's Close. It has been great to see such enthusiasm for our village's activities from many of you.

The 100 Club continues and is significant for raising maintenance funds for the Ground. There are available numbers and if you are interested, please get in touch with Sue - **sue.mcentegart@btinternet.com**

Our <u>Fundraising Plan for 2023</u> is as follows, so please save the dates in your diary: Sunday 23 April – St George's Brunch in the Village Hall Golf Day – date potentially in June - to be confirmed September – Brunch in the Village Hall – date to be confirmed October – Quiz – Date to be confirmed

The deadline for contributions to the JUNE 2023 edition is SUNDAY 21st MAY

Anything sent after this date will not be included.

ASHFIELD NOTES

The Pastoral Quire comes to Ashfield; I am delighted to be able to let you know that the 'Pastoral Quire' will be at St Mary's on Saturday 13th May, 7 for 7.30pm start. The evening will consist of 'Madrigals and Bird Songs'. Refreshments in the form of drinks and canapés will be served. This promises to be a truly amazing evening not to be missed! Full details will be circulated shortly in the first instance ticket enquiries should be made by email to; **robert@rwgrimsey.co.uk**. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL;

Parish Council Elections; This year sees the four yearly elections of both Parish and District Councils. Every serving Councillor is required to stand down and seek re-election, Ashfield Parish Council can have upto seven Councillors, if more nominations than that are received it will go to an election. Details of how to go about putting yourself forward can be found on the village website.

Forthcoming meetings;

Monday 17th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Annual Parish Meeting. The yearly meeting when residents are encouraged to come along and hear reports from the Parish Council and other organisations in the village and ask questions of those responsible.

Monday 15th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. At this meeting newly elected Parish Councillors will sign the papers authorising them to serve for a four year term.

ELECTIONS 2023.

As mentioned above this is an election year. Polling Day for District Council and Parish Council elections is Thursday 4th May with polling stations open from 7am to 10pm. Ashfield's polling station will be the Village Hall. **Please be aware that this year for the first time photo ID will be required to be able to vote in person!** These can include Driving Licence, Passport or other official forms of photo identity.

ASHFIELD NOTES

Magazine donations; Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation towards the costs of producing the Benefice Magazine. This is really appreciated. It has been brought to my attention that to make an online banking payment it is necessary to record the full account name 'Ashfield Parochial Church Council' [not Ashfield PCC which is acceptable on cheques]. If you have tried unsuccessfully to make an electronic payment please do try again. Thank you.

Beetle Drive; Another very enjoyable evening was held recently. Despite the number attending for various reasons being quite small, everyone there thoroughly enjoyed themselves. My thanks to everyone who helped with this in any way. A profit of just over £250 was made which will go into church funds. Thank you everyone who supported us.

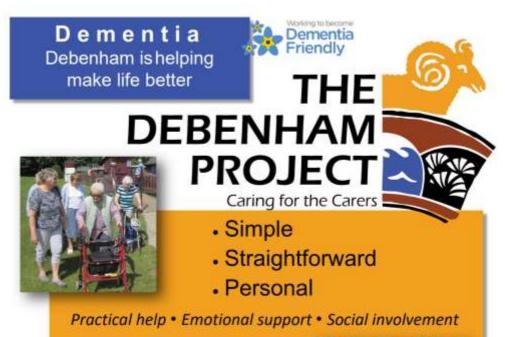
Easter Services; We will be hosting two services at Easter. On Good Friday at 10am a quiet/reflective act of worship led by Revd Kathleen and on Easter Day at 8.30am a service of Holy Communion with Revd Gary. We look forward to welcoming you to either or both of these.

Coronation Sunday 7th May; St Mary's will be hosting a special service of Holy Communion for Ashfield and the wider benefice at 10am to which everyone is welcome as we formally acknowledge King Charle III's enthronement as King and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. This special service will be followed by coffee/tea and refreshments, an ideal opportunity to join in and get to know people! More details will be circulated nearer the time meanwhile please put the date into your diaries!

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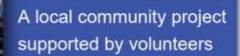
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The Parish Church of St. Mary, Letheringham Easter Sunday - 9th April 2023

There will be an Easter service at Letheringham Parish Church, officiated by Reverend Gary Best.

Please join us at 10am.

We look forward to welcoming you.

LETHERINGHAM NOTES

Letheringham PCC are very delighted to announce that with the six 'Mardles', a Springtime Concert, a 'Teddy Bear Drop' family event, and a Bridge Drive in 2022, a fantastic sum of £3666 was raised for the Priory Church of St.Mary's, Letheringham, Restoration Fund. The PCC would like to thank all those who attended these events and generously donated. The monies raised will make a huge contribution to the restoration and upkeep of the church buildings, as well as to the proposed toilet facility at the Church, which the LPCC are currently seeking planning permission to install.

The fundraising team have already been busy planning fundraising events for 2023 and, so far, have the following

'Save the Dates' for your diary: Mardles at Letheringham and Easton Village Hall, Easton:

Monday 24th April 2023 7pm

The work of the Charity 'St Elizabeth Hospice' presented by John Hammond

Monday 2nd June 2023 7pm

'Craftmanship in Silver' A short overview of the Silversmith's craft presented by Graeme Sagar



John Kerr MBE

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of John Kerr who was born in Letheringham and spent much of his life developing WM Kerr Farms from Office Farm Letheringham.

John was born in Suffolk in 1939, just a year after his parents had moved from Scotland to start a new life farming in Letheringham. His Father William (Willy) Kerr was for many years the Church

LETHERINGHAM NOTES

Warden at St Mary's Letheringham and John had supported the Church throughout his life.

John was a pupil at Framlingham College and subsequently Writtle Agricultural College. His first business venture, at the age of 21, was as a tenant farmer on 300 acres leased from the Glemham Estate, and from relatively small beginnings over the years he built WM Kerr Farms into a very successful and major agricultural enterprise.

John met Jill his wife, at Young Farmers, and the couple married in 1967. As well as their four grown-up children, the couple have eight grandchildren.

He became a high-profile figure in Suffolk, with leading roles in agriculture, football, the Suffolk Show, the Lieutenancy, the judiciary and within the local community.

From 1991 to 95 John was chairman of Ipswich Town FC and was delighted when Ipswich gained promotion to become one of the founding members of the new Premier League in 1992, whilst he was Chairman of the club.

John was a Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk, and deputy to former Lord Lieutenant Lord Tollemache. He served as High Sheriff of Suffolk in 1995, was awarded the MBE for services to agriculture in 1986 and an honorary doctorate from Essex University in 2002.

His work in the local community was just as important to him as many of his high profile roles. He served as President of both Woodbridge and Framlingham Horse Shows, Chairman of Easton Parish Council, and President of the village bowls club. He had also been chairman of the Woodbridge magistrates bench, a governor at Woodbridge School, and chairman of the Deben Farm Club.

The family have said: "We have been overwhelmed by the touching messages we've received, some from people we had no idea he had helped over the years."

John Kerr MBE will be sadly missed by many. RIP.

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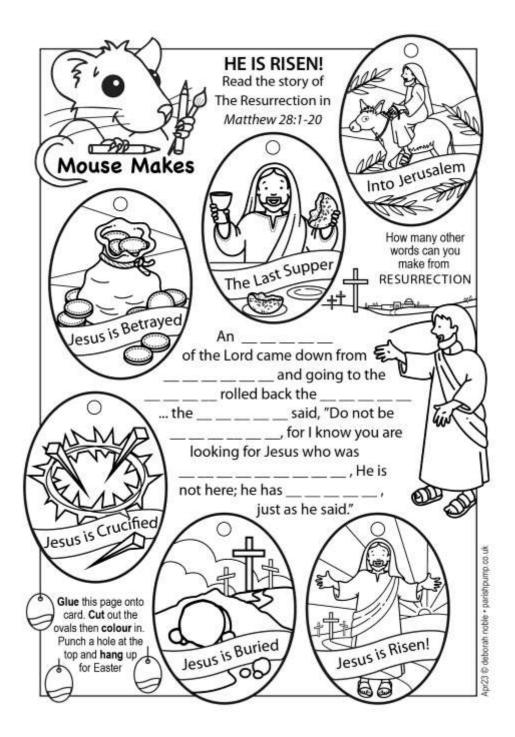
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Palm Sunday - Benefice Service

Sunday 2nd April - St. Peter's Church, Cretingham

(if you are able to undertake the walk, meet at Oak Corner at 9.45am, where there will be a Palm Procession to the church)

Maundy Thursday - April 6th

St. Peter's, Cretingham - Stripping of the Altar - 7pm

Good Friday - Friday 7th April

St. Mary's, Ashfield - Service of Reflection - 10am

St. Mary's, Earl Soham - Walk of Witness - 9.45am

(If you are able to undertake the walk, meet at the Village Green, where there will be a walk to the church)

St. Mary's, Monewden - Hour at the Cross - 2pm (A service of music and reflection)

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion at all Easter Day Services, to which all are welcome. St. Mary's, Ashfield - 8.30am St. Peter's, Charsfield - 9.30am St. Peter's, Cretingham - 9.30am St. Mary's, Dallinghoo - 11am St. Mary's, Earl Soham - 11am St. Andrew and St. Eustachius, Hoo - 8.30am St. Mary's, Letheringham - 9.30am St. Mary's, Monewden - 11am