

MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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

November 2024



Benefice Service

Earl Soham - 10am

Sunday 3rd November

All Welcome

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The Deadline for contributions panel
December 2024-January 2025 ISSUE is
Sunday 17th November

MID LOES BENEFICE

Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach,
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Letheringham and Monewden

November 2024

From The Rectory...

As part of my preparation for the recent Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed, I came across this poem, written by Ann Lewin, that I thought I would share with you, at this time of the year when we begin the act of remembering.

Whether remembering loved ones who have sadly departed; remembering those who have lost their lives through conflict; and as we approach Christmas, remembering those whom we love, but see no longer.

Tomb, by Ann Lewin.

The place of remembering:
where, as the work of grief is done,
memory recovers its perspective.

Letting the dead one go,
with aching sense of loss,
opens the way to finding again
a rounded person, gifts and faults
delights and irritations;
makes it possible to share again
the jokes, the intimate glance,
keep company unseen.

May our dearly departed ones rest in peace and rise in glory.

It isn't easy to remember, when remembering brings back the pain of our loss. It isn't easy to remember when the relationship we shared had its difficulties or when we feel that there were things we wanted to do or say but didn't get the chance. Sometimes remembering is the last thing that we want to do, or are able to do.

The Christian faith has a strong tradition of remembering. As Jesus approached his own death, we're told that he shared a simple meal with his friends. He urged them to remember him every time they break bread or drink together. He knew that he was going to die but he wanted his friends to know that he would never leave them.

Jesus invited his friends to remember him every time they ate bread or drank wine – an act of remembrance associated with life and all that lies ahead, not simply what lies behind us. I know that for many of us there will be times of day or simple acts that remind us of the person we have lost – it may be as we close the curtains at the end of the day or boil the kettle to make a cup of tea – that we say goodnight or good morning to the one we still love. Sometimes the act of remembering will trip us up as we seem to forget what has happened, at other times the act of remembering is our greatest comfort and strength.

In the poem, The Tomb, Ann Lewin writes of how, as we work through our grief, our “memory recovers its perspective.”

We don’t just remember them as a saint, but we start to remember the way they got on our nerves or the things that drove us mad – or at least the potential for that to happen.

As we begin to remember the things that made us laugh and the things that made us cross, the things that made us proud and the ways they could embarrass us, it’s as though the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle are coming back together again...

Ann Lewin’s poem talks of how “letting the dead one go... opens the way to finding again...”

It is a paradox and for some of us it may take many years to reach beyond the “aching sense of loss” but every time we remember we gather some of the fragments together and the new picture starts to get clearer.

It takes courage to remember. Nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate up from the love that we have shared with those we have lost – love is stronger than death and love is of God.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary

BENEFICE SERVICE

St. Mary’s Church, Earl Soham

Sunday 3rd November - 10am

*Please join us at this service where we will
present a cheque to East Anglian Air Ambulance.*

The service will be followed with light refreshments at The Rectory.

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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

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Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

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BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

**Thursday 14th November
at Firs Farm, Monewden**

A reflective Holy Communion service
followed by a light lunch to which all are welcome.

Please let Revd Kathleen know if you are coming
in order to help with planning.

b.a.martin@btconnect.com or 01473 737285

BENEFICE SERVICES

Sunday 3rd November

St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham

Sunday 1st December

St. Andrew and St. Eustachius Church, Hoo

Sunday 5th January

St. Peter's Church, Charsfield

The choir will be present for rehearsal from 9am

ASHFIELD NOTES

HARVEST, THANK YOU

By the end of the Harvest Service at St Mary's the FIND [Families in Need] collection box in the church was almost full of donations which have since been taken to the FIND HQ for onward delivery to their recipients.

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to this worthy cause.

The donations box which is situated in the porch is always open to receive donations so if you missed out this time do please consider dropping something in at any time when you are able.



ROADSIDE HEDGES AND DITCHES

The response to my article on this subject in last month's Magazine has been very encouraging both within Ashfield and other villages in the benefice. I have seen overgrown hedges cut back and also areas of ditches where flooding is an issue cleared. Thank you to everyone concerned.



A few people have asked me how they can report highways related issues. All highways problems should be registered on the Suffolk County Council's 'Highways Reporting Tool' which can be located on the SCC website. To ensure your report is readily acted upon be sure to accurately pinpoint/mark the issue on the map so the inspector doesn't have to drive around trying to find it! In Ashfield do feel free to contact myself and after looking at the issue I will either try and resolve it or report it on your behalf if necessary. If an issue you report isn't resolved promptly you can write to your County Councillor, search 'who is my County Councillor' to find out who serves your community and their contact details.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at ST MARY'S

Ashfield will remember its war dead during a service of Evening Prayer on Sunday 10th November at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us and indeed it may be that you have watched the pageantry at the Cenotaph during the morning and want to quietly reflect later in the day. We look forward to seeing you.



ASHFIELD NOTES continued

CAROL SERVICE, 2024

The Carol Service at St Mary's will take place this year on Monday 23rd December. Please put the date into your diaries now, more details nearer the time.



MAKING A MONETARY DONATION TO ST MARY'S

I am often asked how you can make a donation towards the work of Ashfield Church by people who do not necessarily worship with us but still want to support their Parish Church! We have recently signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme so making an online donation has now become much easier. Just inside the church door adjacent to the donations box you will find a notice with details of how you can contribute to our work. If you use the QR code shown you can make an instant donation. Please use the reference your surname/donation + if applicable the date/year to which it relates. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Robert Grimsey robertgrimseyactpc@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church, Ashfield



Please use the QR code to access St. Mary's Online Giving, where you can make a one-off donation, or set up a regular giving account



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

HARVEST

Six 'bags for life' full of non-perishable food were donated at the Parish Harvest Service and Charsfield School's Harvest Service both held in St. Peter's. This will be taken to FIND Foodbank in Ipswich to be given to local families in need.



Thankyou for your kind donations and a reminder that there is a Food Bank Box for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries in the porch of the church.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

There will be a Remembrance Service at St.Peter's, Charsfield on Sunday 10th November starting at 10:45am.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Do you live in Charsfield?

Are you aged 60 or over?

If the answer to both these questions is YES –

You are invited to a Seniors Christmas Lunch on Saturday 7th December at 12 noon in Charsfield Village Hall. £10 per person for a delicious Christmas meal and entertainment. Apologies for the price rise but our grant from 'Communities Together' has been used up!

To register an interest in attending please e-mail 'seniors@potsford.com' or telephone 07887 440404 (e-mail preferred).

You will then be contacted with further details.



**There's a warm welcome waiting in
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CONTACTLESS PAYMENT

BAR WILL BE OPEN

**Friday 1st and 15th November;
Friday 13th and 20th December**

7pm to 10pm



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Readers	Sides person
3 rd November 10am Benefice Holy Communion, Earl Soham	Benefice Holy Communion Earl Soham All welcome	
10 th November 10.45am Remembrance, St Peter's 3pm Remembrance, Debach	Readers to be arranged	
17 th November 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Linda Margaret	Margaret
24 th November 10am Holy Communion	Antony Lesley	Lesley

CHARSFIELD PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

Saturday 19th October saw the official opening of the Charsfield Past, Present and Future exhibition in Charsfield's telephone kiosk. The kiosk will house a permanent display detailing the making of the film Akenfield alongside space for temporary exhibitions showcasing our village talents.

Following the opening a full day of events took place in the village hall, including readings by Jenny Hall and Friends, a talk by Professor John Gordon of University of East Anglia and showings of the original Akenfield plus the student project Akenfield Now. Our village historian mounted a display of Charsfield maps through the ages and a continual screening of Peggy Cole's slides. A superb buffet lunch and tea was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to so many people who helped with the day – a real village event bringing everyone together.

Charsfield Parish Council

*Mrs Gill Winkworth cutting the ribbon –
the kiosk is dedicated to the memory of
Edwin "Ed" Winkworth,
former Chairman of Charsfield Parish Council*





CHARSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The school has been a busy hub this term, the children have been busy writing stories using various texts such as: Twists on fairytales such as Little Red Reading hood, Licked, a short story about a son who plays a trick on his dad at a very important dinner, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In maths the children are learning about place value and refining their calculation skills.

Pupils in KS 1 have been learning about plants parts and animal parts. Pupils are learning about different animals and plants, and how we care for them. In our history lessons we have been learning about what it was like to be a child in the past, role playing what a Victorian school was like (we had to stand up when an adult entered the classroom!) and making up our own Victorian classroom rules. In November, the pupils will start to rehearse songs for their Nativity play which they will be showing to parents and relatives in December.

Pupils in KS 2 have been learning about Ancient Civilisations in history with a focus on Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece. We have acted out making a mummy and discovering Tutankhamun's tomb. We are also learning about life in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece and how life then still has an impact today. The children have researched an area of life in Ancient Greece and presented their findings to the class. After half term, we are going to take a visit to the Sainsbury Centre to study the statues and statuettes, in preparation for our own project in school.



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

Pupils in KS 2 have participated in sporting events this term, including football (mixed and girls) and the cross-country event, taking part with pupils from other schools in the local area. We have been very proud of their efforts and the team spirit they have shown during these events.

All pupils this term will be taking swimming lessons; this is something that we do every year in the autumn term at Charsfield as we believe being able to swim/have confidence in the water is an important life skill that every child should experience throughout their primary education. We love outdoor learning too, and the children are looking forward to their Forest School lessons in our onsite forest school in the Spring and Summer term.

Recently we held a Harvest Service at the church, led by Rev. Gary. Parents and relatives came along to join us and enjoyed a tea or coffee and chat. Although we are a small school, our families were very generous with their donations for the harvest service – we are delighted to be supporting FIND this year which supports local families in need.

If you are looking for schooling in the area, we are holding two open afternoon events on Friday 15th November and Monday 25th November (1.45pm – 3.00pm). We are a very friendly, child-centred school where we promote the values of perseverance, friendship, creativity, courage, responsibility, and compassion. “Charsfield is a friendly and caring school. It feels ‘like a family in its own right’. Pupils play well together. They are kind and thoughtful towards one another.” (Ofsted February 2023). For more information or to book your place please call the school office on 01473 737347 or email office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk Other dates/times to view our school are available on request.

Please see our social media (Instagram and Facebook) for more up-to-date information about our school. We are planning on hosting activities for pre-school aged children throughout the year and will advertise these via our social media.



Mrs Reeve, Head of School

Charsfield C of E Primary School

01473 737347

www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

Charsfield - November and December Cleaning Rota

November 9 th	November 23 rd	December 7 th	December 21 st
Linda and Kurt	Gill and Beverley	Angela and Joyce	Sheila and Pauline

Charsfield - November and December Flower Rota

November 2 nd	November 9 th	November 16 th	November 23 rd	November 30 th
Beverley Gugenheim	Beverley Gugenheim	Pauline Llewellyn	Pauline Llewellyn	Margaret Salter
December 7 th	December 14 th	December 21 st	December 28 th	
Margaret Salter	Joyce Whitley	Everyone	Everyone	

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Village Carol Service

with the

Ipswich Hospital Band

Featuring Christmas Carols and Songs

Friday 13th December
at 7:30pm

St. Peter's Church, Charsfield

(Retiring Collection for St. Peter's Fabric Fund)

Village Hall Bar open

CRETINGHAM NOTES

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
November	Mrs Lin Walker	Vacant *
December	Di Mayhew	Churchwardens

**No volunteers for cleaning this month so if anyone can pop in and put a duster around and sweep it would be much appreciated. Thank you x*



COFFEE and CHAT

Friday 22nd November 10.30 -12 noon. In St. Peters Church – heating will be on ! Everyone welcome. Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate / Fruit Tea and Biscuits !! Opportunity to browse the books and puzzles ready for those Winter nights.



SERVICES IN ST. PETERS, CRETINGHAM

10th November Remembrance Sunday 10.50 am
with Rev. Wendy Gourlay

17th November Holy Communion 10am
with Rev. Gary Best



SUFFOLK MOBILE LIBRARIES

calls at Oak Corner, Cretingham every 4 weeks on a Thursday from 14.30 - 14.45.

Remaining dates for 2024 are: **14th November & 12th December**

Do pop along and see them as they are always happy to recommend a good read.

DATES FOR YOUR DECEMBER DIARY !!

Saturday 14th December 10 - 12 noon.

Our Christmas Stalls, Refreshments, Raffle, Mulled Cider!
Chance to see to the delightful Christmas Flowers.

Wednesday 18th December 7pm

Carol Singing in The Cretingham Bell for charity. Thank you Paul and Clare.

Sunday 22nd December

Carol Service 4 pm followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day Holy Communion 10am
with Rev. Wendy Gourlay.



Dallinghoo Christmas Fair



Saturday 30th November
10.30am ~ 2.30pm

Village Hall IP13 0JX

Children's Crafts

CRAFT STALLS

Cakes



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Coffee/tea & Cake



**Visit by Father
Christmas 1pm**

Festive Fun Stalls

DALLINGHOO NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

10th November 10.45am Remembrance Service

17th November 10am Family Service



COFFEE MORNING

2nd November

Come and join us at the church for a coffee, cake and chat



CHRISTMAS FAIR

30th November 10.30am to 2.30pm

The Dallinghoo Christmas Fair is back! Join us at the Jubilee Hall for festive fun, refreshments and even an opportunity to get ahead with the Christmas gift shopping. Fun for all ages and we're also expecting a very special visitor from the North Pole.



HARVEST SUPPER AND VICTORIAN OIL LAMP EXHIBITION

We had a very busy October with two wonderful and very different events. Both were well attended and extremely enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who contributed towards the organisation of these, including the PCC Church Repair Fund committee and many others. Combined, the events raised in excess of £1,000 for church funds.



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As our effort to make finding information, activities and contacts as easy as possible, the Debenham Project has created a handy new booklet that contains all you need to know about who provides locally based help. The Debenham Project is in there but there is so much more. Surprisingly, this booklet is an innovation in Suffolk and perhaps elsewhere.

The booklet is available in hard copy format (soon to be on the project website). For a copy or further information please contact Carol Garrett via email at chgarett53@yahoo.co.uk or 07768 960368.

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We have many patients requesting support in their own homes, across various locations in Suffolk but in particular – Saxmundham, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Eye, Felixstowe and Stowmarket areas. Visits can sometimes be up to 4 hours, but usually would be much less.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Church	November 3 rd	November 10 th	November 17 th	November 24 th
	4th Before Advent Red	3rd Before Advent Remembrance Sunday Red	2nd Before Advent Red	Sunday Before Advent Christ the King Red
Ashfield		6.30pm Remembrance VB	8.30am Holy Communion KM	X
Charsfield with Debach		Charsfield 10.45am CW Debach 3pm WG	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB	10am Holy Communion GB
Cretingham		10.50am Remembrance WG	10am Holy Communion GB	X
Dallinghoo		10.45am Remembrance APW	10am All-Age Worship KM	X
Earl Soham	10am Benefice HC GB	10.45 am Remembrance Parade Service GB	10am Holy Communion WG	10am Christingle MV
Hoo		8.30am Remembrance with Letheringham GB	X	8.30am Holy Communion GB
Letheringham		Remembrance with Hoo	X	X
Monewden		10.45am Remembranc with HC KM	X	10am All-Age Worship APW

Key to Service Leader:

GB = Revd Gary Best; **KM** = Revd Kathleen Martin;
WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay;
APW = Amber Pearce Williams, Lay Elder;
MV = Mary Vellacott, Lay Elder; **CW** = Churchwarden;
VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.



READINGS

Date	Readings	Psalm
November 3rd Benefice Service	Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	24:1-6
November 10th Remembrance Sunday	Hebrews 9:24-end Mark 1:14-20	62:5-end
November 17th	Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25 Mark 13:1-8	16
November 24th Christ the King	Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37	93

FORTHCOMING BENEFICE SERVICES:

Sunday 1st December

St. Andrew & St. Eustachius Church, Hoo

Sunday 5th January 2025

St. Peter's Church, Charsfield



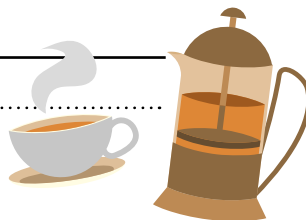
“Finally, we’re still waiting for someone from last week’s Parent & Toddler group to come and claim this lost property...”

EARL SOHAM NOTES

COFFEE/TEA & MINCE PIES

Only £2.50 Tea/Coffee Mince Pie + top up

Come and start the Christmas season with us -
Stalls, Cakes, Tombola and more



Make a Christingle

Saturday November 23rd, 2.30 - 4.30 Earl Soham Village Hall

IN AID OF ST MARYS CHURCH

All age Christingle service - 10am Sunday 24th – all welcome

CRIB SERVICE

6pm - and asking for families to contact any of the following if they would like to be involved. Commitment is to turn up for 1 hours rehearsal in the morning of the Sunday before, 22nd, and to be at the Church on 24th at 5.30pm. for the service.

Contacts:	Charlotte	01728 685047	charlottepeacher242@msn.com
	Mavis	01728 685700	maviskerridge@gmail.com
	Mary	01728 685423	maryvellacott@btinternet.com

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses- St. Mary's	
November	Mrs Patterson
December	Mrs Haines
Any problems Ring Denise - 685234.	

St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham, was delighted to welcome August Lebus-Price into the church family at his baptism held on Saturday 12th October. A wonderful service was held with family and many friends gathered for a very special day.

Pictured are proud parents, Toma and Matt, along with August.



EARL SOHAM NOTES continued

EARL SOHAM WI

A thriving, growing and friendly group. We hold interesting, informative and fun meetings.

These are usually on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7.00pm at Brandeston Village Hall.

New members from Earl Soham and the surrounding villages/areas are most welcome.

Next meeting:

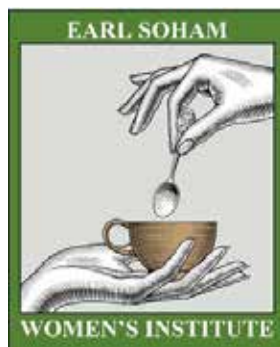
28th November – 7.00pm

Annual Meeting

Reflections on the past year & plans for the next

Find us at www.sefwi.org.uk

or contact Eleri Whitham – 01728 628614



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INSPIRING WOMEN

BENEFICE SERVICE

St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham

Sunday 3rd November – 10am

Please join us at this service where East Anglian Air Ambulance will be presented with a cheque from monies raised at this year's Vicar's Tea Party.

The service will be followed with light refreshments at The Rectory.



*Start the Christmas
Season with us on*

Saturday 23rd November

Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies

EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL

2.30am – 4.30pm

COME AND MAKE A CHRISTINGLE

Stalls - Cakes - Tombola and more

PROCEEDS TO ST MARYS EARL SOHAM



All-Age Christingle Service

Sunday 24th November - 10am *All Welcome*



We meet in Earl Soham, had a fantastic afternoon outside learning survival skills and having a lot of fun at the same time.

The Cubs build shelters in the woods whilst the Scouts learnt how to use a saw to prepare the wood they collected ready for the campfire and whittling whistles using safe knife skills. Both sections learnt how to light campfires using a variety of fire-fighters - including crisps. A well deserved dinner of pizzas, potatoes and sausages was cooked over the campfires before hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows in biscuits (s'mores) and a campfire song.

Contact email: 1dv.group@suffolkscouts.org.uk



LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

The Church was beautifully adorned for the Harvest Festival service and there were many donated food items, for FIND (Families in Need). Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT SERVICE -

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 6.30PM - Officiated by Rev.Gary Best

With the 'Letheringham Youth Choir' in attendance.
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In aid of the Church restoration fund

Letheringham Youth Choir

Child/youth singers 6-18 sought

For 20 years music has been brought to our isolated Norman Church by loyal members of our 'Youth Choir'. As well as traditional carols we showcase little-known, Suffolk-source works.

Child and youth members are now sought for this Year's Carol Service. Offers of solos – or to do a reading – will also be welcome. Non-singing sisters and brothers may join the Service in candle-lighter and similar roles.

Commitment

Volunteers must commit to:-

- ❖ Mid November – receive scanned out music
- ❖ Early December – obligatory one hour rehearsal in Wickham Market, 9 Church Terrace, on a weekend afternoon – 3.00 pm Saturday 7 December
- ❖ Carol Service – assemble at Church 5.15 - 75 minutes before the Candle-lit Service for singthrough and final polish – Service 6.30 Sunday 22 December 2024

The music lines for the young singers will be 'unison' – sightreading is not necessary for those with retentive memories ; adults fill in with 4-part etc harmony and the legendary Roger Pulham of Charsfield accompanies on our little organ.

Contact, expressions of interest please to the Conductor; Keith Wallace – kwallace@reedsmith.com

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MONNEWDEN NOTES

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers/ Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
Nov. 3	Benefice at Earl Soham.			
Nov.10	J. Vonberg	F. Watts & C. Saxby	D. Grier	W. Heath
Nov.24	C. Saxby	J. Vonberg	L. Grier	C. Saxby

NOVEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS:

1 £25 W. Weeks; 2 £15 R. Atchinson; 3 £10 L. Grier.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

This year's service at Monewden, will be on Sunday, November 10, and will commence at 10.45 a.m.



COFFEE MORNING

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, November 16th from 10 a.m. onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast rolls and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, this monthly event is now very popular. The 100 Club draw for November will be held during the morning.



Advance Notice:

TOY SERVICE

For this year's service we will be joined by our colleagues from Dallinghoo, the service will be held at St. Mary's Monewden on December 8 at 10 a.m. All gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army



PCC MEETING

There will be a meeting of Monewden PCC on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. at Firs Farm.

MONNEWDEN NOTES continued

HARVEST SUPPER

A very successful **Harvest Supper** was held in Monewden village hall on Friday, October 4. The meal was preceded by an interesting and informative talk by Emily from Acre Farm outlining the diversification that was taking place at the farm. This includes the bakery producing very good sourdough several times a week, a huge amount of tree planting of various species and a vineyard, which will of course take a time to mature, so no local wine just yet! The meal itself, a traditional ploughman's, was composed of local produce, bread, cheeses, ham, pickles and salad, followed by the usual array of Monewden desserts. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I say that it was a great night and many thanks must go to all who had a hand in the organisation of the event. (Still looking for Ipswich Castle though!)



WINE TASTING

The annual **WINE TASTING** will be held in the village hall on Friday, November 29th at 7.30 p.m. in aid of Monewden Church Appeal Fund. Good wine, good food and good company, what more could you ask for! As in previous years Jonathan Williamson from Wines of Interest will be talking us through a tasting session delivered in his usual entertaining and informative style.

Tickets will be £15, including buffet, and can be obtained from David Grier on 737298 or Brian Martin on 737285.

Christmas

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Food Donations across the Benefice

The benefice churches are delighted to be supporting FIND (Families in Need) a local charity based in Ipswich supporting people across the local villages and towns.

For over 30 years, Families in Need (FIND) Ipswich, has offered a lifeline to people in Ipswich and the surrounding areas who are experiencing poverty and despair.

FIND provides free food parcels and personal care items to help people get through a crisis, as well as furniture, bedding and other household items where the person or family has none.

An army of over 80 volunteers regularly give their time freely to check and sort the donated food, collect items from local stores, make up the food parcels and deliver them.

It's a six-day a week operation.

The demand for food parcels has risen year on year and FIND now distributes an average of 120-150 parcels every week and even more at Christmas - more than 7,000 every year.

Going Forward

Each church within the benefice has now become a donation point where there are boxes in the church porches in which donations can be left. The donations will then be collected on a regular basis and taken to the offices of FIND. Currently, the food requirements are as follows:

Long grain rice - Long-life whole milk

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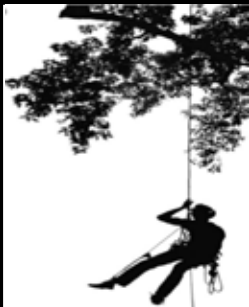
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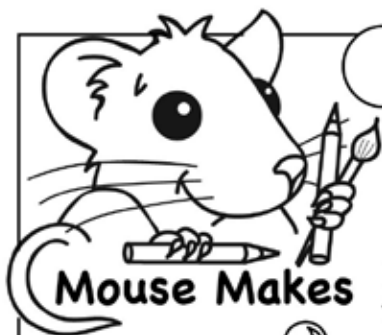
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Then Jesus said:

*"Do you understand what I have done for you?
Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed
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I have set you an example, that you should
do as I have done for you."*



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Sunday 10th November

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Debach – 3pm

Cretingham – 10.50am

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