

MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

Ashfield-cum-Thorpe,
Charsfield with Debach,
Crettingham, Dallinhoo, Earl Soham,
Hoo, Letheringham, Monewden

August 2025



Benefice Holy Communion

Letheringham - 10am

Sunday 3rd August

All Welcome

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Who's Who continues on the inside back cover

The Deadline for contributions panel
SEPTEMBER 2025 ISSUE is
Sunday 17th August

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

AUGUST 2025

From The Rectory...

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU...to every single person who was either able to make a donation, or was able to join Sarah and myself for the Garden Party where we celebrated Sarah's 50th birthday, but more importantly, raised £3,393 for Dementia UK, with monies still being collected through the Just Giving page.

Of course, the day would not have been possible without the help of many in planning and organising, and giving up their time for the day. You know who you are, and you have our heart-felt thanks for all that you did to make it such a special occasion.

Dementia UK was chosen because of a very personal connection to Sarah, and using her 50th birthday as an opportunity to focus on this increasingly important charity, one that sadly, touches more and more of our lives. For those not able to attend the party, here are the words that I shared on Sarah's behalf...

'I have asked Rev (as I affectionately call him) to talk on my behalf as I'm terrified of public speaking and he really likes the sound of his own voice!

Thank you so much to you all for coming to help me celebrate a milestone birthday that I am in complete denial about, and for helping to support Dementia UK.

My wonderful Dad, Keith, was diagnosed with Dementia nearly 10 years ago. Dementia has stolen the Dad that I knew and loved so much, not just my Dad, but my walking companion, my voice of reason, my protector, my role model and the man that has always given me unwavering love and support'.

Dementia UK is a specialist nursing charity that provides support and care for the whole family, whose lives are affected through this devastating illness. Their nurses, known as Admiral Nurses, provide free advice, support and

understanding to help families care for their loved one. As experts in the condition, their tailored, life-changing support helps families through the fear and confusion of dementia. From sharing practical tips for caring, to offering compassionate emotional support and helping plan for the future, they are there when people impacted by the condition need them most.

Every day, Admiral Nurses help families up and down the country to have the best life possible for as long as possible. Whether it's on their Helpline, through their virtual or face-to-face clinics or in the community, their nurses give families affected by dementia the much-needed space to talk to someone who understands. It's why so many people describe Admiral Nurses as a lifeline.

If you wish to know more about Dementia UK, or would like to make contact with them, please access their website: www.dementiauk.org; or if you are willing and able to make a donation, please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah50thbirthday>. Equally, if you wish to talk with myself or Sarah on a personal level, please feel free to contact us.

Again, thank you to everyone for making this such a special day.

Love, and Blessings, Revd Gary

September Benefice Service

**Sunday
7th September,**

10am

Earl Soham



"We've had a tip-off that the sermon is going to over-run again."

BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 14th August 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

Are you caring for someone with memory loss and/or dementia?

Then we are here to help you.

We provide a carers' café, post-diagnosis support,
information, advice, peer support, songs for sharing,
transport and much more.

Carers' club and info café on 12 & 26 August,
2-4pm in Dove Cottage, 39 High Street,
Debenham IP14 6QN (free!)

Just come along, relax and find a listening ear.
(Your loved one will also be most welcome)

Further information: The-debenham-project.org.uk

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following e-mail address: **midloesmagazine@gmail.com**

ASHFIELD NOTES

CONCERT - AUGUST 9TH, 7pm

We are pleased to announce that Ruth and Des Hart from Ashfield have agreed to give a concert playing a mix of 'lively folk music from the UK and beyond'. See enclosed flyer for full details.

CYCLE RIDE FOR SHCT, 13TH SEPTEMBER 9am to 5pm

Ashfield Church will be open to welcome cyclists for this important event. If you are able to help man the church or would like to ride for us please contact either Jane Davidson or myself.



WINDOW CLEANING -THANKS

The church windows have all recently been cleaned inside and out, the transformation is quite amazing! Thank you to those of you who very generously supported this project with donations, these are much appreciated. Thank you.

Robert

HEDGE CUTTING

A gentle reminder to all residents with roadside hedges. All hedges that abut a public road should be maintained so that they are at least 20" [50cm] back from the edge of the tarmac to provide pedestrian refuge. Where visibility for access/egress is obstructed the overall height of the hedge should not exceed 42" [105cm]. Where an overgrown hedge is endangering motorists and/or pedestrians Suffolk County Council has the power to serve a hedge cutting notice or undertake remedial works and recover the costs from the landowner. I hope that the need for intervention by SCC will not be required in Ashfield!



Robert Grimsey

Thank you Ashfield and the surrounding villages
for your support after Stan's death.

Thank you for your flowers, cards and offers of help,
and thank many of you for coming to the memorial service.

We are so grateful, and feel so comforted by you all.

Jane Davidson and family



ST MARY'S CHURCH, ASHFIELD

PRESENTS A

CONCERT

BY

TANGLETHREAD



[Ruth and Des Hart from Ashfield]

**A MIX OF LIVELY FOLK TUNES
FROM THE UK AND BEYOND**

**SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST at 7pm
IN THE CHURCH**

FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

**TICKETS £10 EACH. PAY ON THE NIGHT
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
WITH EITHER JANE [01728 685332]
OR ROBERT [01728 685203]
BY WEDS 6TH AUGUST IF POSSIBLE.**

IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHARSFIELD AUGUST CLEANING ROTA 2025

9 August	Margaret & Stephanie
23 August	Lucy



ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Thank you for your help with the flowers.

If any of your dates listed below are not convenient, please arrange to swap with someone else on the list.

Date	Name
2 Aug	Joyce Whitley
9 Aug	Maureen Arbon
16 Aug	Maureen Arbon
23 Aug	Angela Farmer
30 Aug	Angela Farmer

**All welcome at
Charsfield Village Hall!**

**Table
Tennis**

**Pop Up
Bar**

**Contactless
Payment**

**Friday 1st and 15th August
7pm – 10pm**

If you are able to make a one-off donation or set up a regular giving scheme to the church, please scan the QR code to access St. Peter's Church Giving Page.



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

CHARSFIELD HARVEST SUPPER

Charsfield PCC have been considering reviving the tradition of a Harvest Supper which used to be a popular event in the village. As the church congregation is small, we were hoping to make this a village event, if there is enough interest. Though not many people in the village are actively involved in farming these days, we are all aware of the farmers fields surrounding the village and the seasonal changes in these field whether through walking, exercising dogs or just driving past.



If anyone would be prepared to help with the organising, preparing and /or catering for a Harvest Supper in Charsfield Village Hall provisionally on Saturday 11 October please contact Linda Stratton (Churchwarden) linda.e.stratton@gmail.com 07760220970.

Charsfield C of E Primary School

Aiming high, valuing individuals, celebrating success.



- Small class sizes
- Forest school and swimming lessons
- Affordable wraparound care 8am-5pm
- Close to Wickham Market, Framlingham & Woodbridge

- Rated 'Good' by Ofsted, 2023
- Pre-school coming soon
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- Inclusive, diverse curriculum

Come and see what a small school can do for your child.

Church Road, Charsfield, Woodbridge IP13 7QB, office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk, 01473 737347



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CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Readers	Sides person
Aug 3rd 10am Benefice Holy Communion Letheringham	Benefice Holy Communion at Letheringham All Welcome	
Aug 10th 10am Baptism	Readers and Sidesperson to be confirmed	
Aug 17th	No Service at Charsfield. Please see the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
Aug 24th 10am Holy Communion	Lesley Mike	Mike
Aug 31st 10am Morning Prayer	Sheila Margaret	Margaret

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**Cream Teas at
Charsfield Church
3-5pm**

**Sundays:
Aug 17 and Sept 21**

Proceeds to Church Funds

CRETINGHAM NOTES

VILLAGE FETE

5th July. MANY THANKS to those who contributed prizes for Christine's marvellous TOMBOLA and to the PRIZE DRAW. Along with the Bookstall and donations they raised a combined £602 for Church Funds.



St Peter's was privileged to host the July Benefice Communion service which celebrated "Marriage". Seven couples with a combined 321 years of marriage renewed their vows in front of a packed congregation of 74 people – Michael & Pamela Pinner (62 years), Robert & Diana Mayhew (63 years), Brian & Kathleen Martin (55 years), Peter & Liz Bridle (51 years), Alister & Wendy Gourlay (50 years), David & Lesley Grier (43 years) and Mark and Brigit Richardson (1 year). In the afternoon of the 13th a team of Suffolk Bellringers rang a celebratory peal lasting 2 hours and 23 minutes and featuring seven different methods – London; Westminster; Bourne; Beverley; Ipswich; Cambridge; and Norwich.



Saturday 13th September sees the annual **SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE** for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust when cyclists take to the Suffolk byways to visit as many churches as they can in eight hours whilst being sponsored for their "home" church and the SHT grants fund.



St Peter's will be open as usual but we depend on the generosity of local folk to be in attendance and log the visiting riders in and out.

IF YOU CAN HELP, for just an hour, between 9am and 5pm, then please contact Alister (685335 or tubric.cottage@gmail.com).

If anyone wishes to ride to support St Peter's – half of the money you raise comes back to us, the other 50% to SHT funds – then please contact Alister who has sponsor forms and a list of participating churches across the county.



Our annual **HARVEST SUPPER** will be held on Saturday 4th October in Brandeston Village Hall. Please reserve the date in your diaries and be ready to come along and enjoy a scrumptious home-cooked meal, great company and the annual competitions for the Appleby and Tuckwell Cups.

Friends of St Peter's Cretingham

BINGO



An evening of BINGO
with a CHILLI supper
(vegetarian option)



at The Bell Cretingham

Wednesday 3rd September at 7.00pm



Raffle

Cost: £15 includes supper & 1 card per round
To book your place please contact Katy Shircliff
NO LATER than Tuesday 26th August
07813 609772 or email: kshircliff@hotmail.com

Charity No1205705

DALLINGHOO NOTES

DALLINGHOO COFFEE MORNING

Dallinghoo Coffee morning held the first Saturday of the each month.

It was lovely to meet Pauline and Juliette as well as our regulars at the July coffee morning.



We look forward to meeting more people at the next coffee morning which will be held on Saturday 2nd August 10.00 - 12.00 in the village hall.

A warm welcome to everyone, if you're popping in for a quick coffee or staying for a while, or just popping in to buy some cakes or to see what books are on sale. We just enjoy meeting you.

There are always Cheese Scones, Lemon Drizzle cake and Fat Rascals on sale (cake donations always welcome).



Dogs are welcome and they have their own little Pooch station, with drink, treats and poop bags



A huge thank you to Linda, Norman, Tina and Angela who always help to run the coffee mornings, it wouldn't be half as great without you.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Thank to who has offered some flowers for the church. We will leave a bucket of water in the porch. If you can spare a couple of stems from the garden pop them in the bucket and Linda will work her magic.





Dallinghoo Barbeque



Sunday 7th September
12:00 to 14:00
at
Dallinghoo Village Hall



Bring your own drinks

Tickets: Adults - £8; under 12 - £5

Purchase by 30th August by emailing:

dallinghoobbq@gmail.com

[No email? Call Dawn Gill on 01473 737296 to book tickets]

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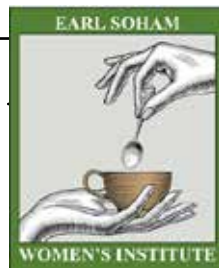
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EARL SOHAM NOTES

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:

July 24th – 7.00pm – Garden Meeting (Brandeston Village Hall)

August – There is no formal meeting but outings this month usually include theatre visits to Aldeburgh and Southwold

Find us at www.sefwi.org.uk

or contact Eleri Whitham - 01728 628614



ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 2025

Saturday 6th September at 1.00 pm onwards

Spectators most welcome

Play will be continuous throughout the afternoon and tea, biscuits and other refreshments will be available

Sponsored by Longstaff Transport, Walnes Seed and Bruce Hinton (Earl Soham Business Centre).



Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses- St. Mary's	
August	Mrs Patterson
September	Mrs Lancaster & Mrs Gadd
Any problems Ring Denise - 685234	



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Northern Light Performs
Dawn to Dusk

Join us for an evening of choral music performed by the choir
Northern Light, from The University of Edinburgh.

The evening will include classical, folk and jazz music, from composers such as Parry, Tippet, Byrd and Rheinberger. The concert will be held at St Mary's Church, Earl Soham, with a wine reception during the interval.

ADMISSION ON THE NIGHT.

ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF MID LOES BENEFICE.

20th September, 7pm

**Tickets £10 (On the door)
(Wine included)**

**St Mary's Church,
Earl Soham , IP13 7SE**



Earl Soham Fete

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST

2 - 4 pm

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE PARKING

STALLS AND GAMES INCLUDING

STEAM TRAIN RIDES, CAKES, PLANTS & PRODUCE,

BOOKS, JIGSAWS, GRAND DRAW, TOMBOLA,

TEAS, BBQ, PIMMS & BEER

LOTS OF GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

****PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING CASH WITH YOU,**

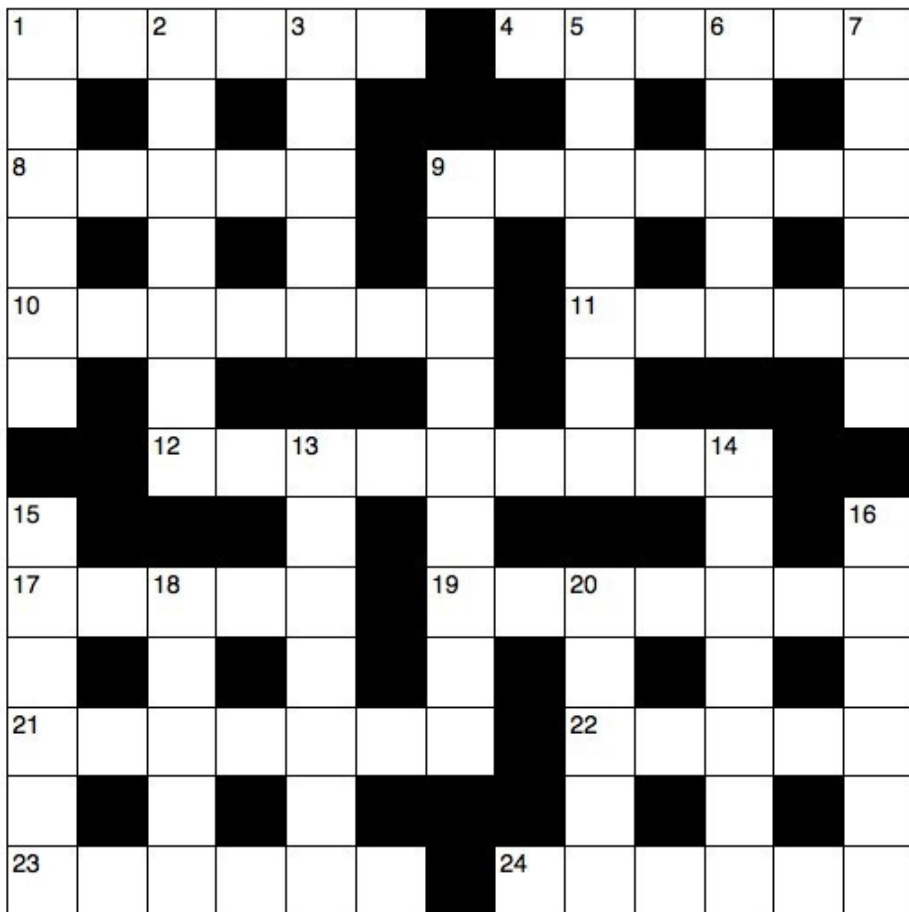
WE CANNOT TAKE CARD PAYMENTS**

IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH FABRIC FUND



CROSSWORD

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26



Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

READINGS



August 2025

Date	Readings	Psalm
August 3rd Benefice Service	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	107:19
August 10th	Hebrews 11:13, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	50:17
August 17th	Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56	82
August 24th	Hebrews 12:18end Luke 13:10-17	103:18
August 31st	Hebrews 13:18, 1516 Luke 14:1, 7-14	81:1, 10end

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CHURCH SERVICES

Church	August 3 rd	August 10 th	August 17 th	August 24 th	August 31 st
	Trinity 7 Green	Trinity 8 Green	Trinity 9 Green	Trinity 10 Green	Trinity 11 Green
Ashfield		6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	8.30am Holy Communion KM	X	X
Charsfield with Debach		10am Baptism WG	X	10am Holy Communion KM	10am Morning Prayer KM
Cretingham		10am Morning Prayer CW	10am Holy Communion WG	X	10am Morning Prayer APW
Dallinghoo		X	10am All-Age Worship APW	X	10am Holy Communion WG
Earl Soham		10am Morning Prayer RG	10am Holy Communion KM	10am Morning Prayer WG	X
Hoo		8.30am Holy Communion KM	X	8.30am Morning Prayer KM	X
Letheringham	10am Benefice Holy Communion KM & WG	X	X	X	X
Monewden		10am Holy Communion KM	X	10am All-Age Worship CW	6.30pm Evening Prayer KM

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.



*The hard core fans were at the
back, playing air-organ*

HOO NOTES

HOO HALL OPEN GARDEN 2025

The annual Open Garden at Hoo Hall took place on 8 June, and we achieved our best result ever, with over £1,150 being raised. In addition, the concert in the church raised over £700 for Hoo Church Building Trust. We were pleased to see a mix of visitors between regulars and those who came for the first time. The combination of a lovely garden and beautiful music in a perfect country church works very well indeed.

There are a number of thank yous I must make. To Graham Nicholson, for his continued generosity in opening his garden to the public to support Hoo church, and also for organising the concert. To Mark, Graham's gardener, for his hard work in providing such a special garden, and for all he does to care for the church. To Sonia, Mark's wife, for organising such splendid refreshments, running the kitchen and finding time to run the raffle as well. To John and Evelyn Parkinson, for again allowing us to use their farmyard for parking, and for their help during the afternoon. To my fellow PCC members for their hard work on the afternoon. Finally, to everyone, from Hoo and beyond, who came and supported us



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

Our next event will be the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride, on Saturday 13 September 2025. If you are a cyclist, and would like to pedal to support Hoo church, I will be leaving a supply of sponsor forms at the church. The event is "Ride and Stride" so if you don't cycle, why not walk instead. The church will be manned during the day, so why not call in and see us.

This is a long standing event that has raised a huge amount of money over the years to support Suffolk churches, and its origins are in Hoo. I was reminded of this when I collected the forms for this year, as Mrs Frances Parkinson of Hoo was one of the main movers in starting it.

Francis Whitbread

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

TEDDY BEARS ARE GO - 29TH JUNE 2025 AT ST. MARY'S LEATHERINGHAM

On a glorious sunny day with a light wind, our third annual

Teddy Bear Drop, was a real hit once again. We were delighted to welcome families from all neighbouring benefices - quite a few who had enjoyed the event on previous occasions. We were also delighted to welcome 5 children (and their families) from Charsfield School Choir who, under the excellent tutelage of Mrs Merry, sang their hearts out with a programme of popular songs and delighted the audience.

The BBQ, Strawberries and Cream and Pimms tent where once again a great success. But the real delight was the 'Teddy Bear Drop' with teddy bears and soft toys belonging to young children and adults alike, enthralled everyone with their brave parachuting from the ancient church tower.

Many thanks to all who supported this happy family/community event, - all proceeds go to St.Mary's restoration fund.



Save the Dates

Sunday 31st August 3pm at St.Mary's Letheringham

Hexachordia Trio Concert Music from the Court of Henry VIII",

We are delighted to welcome back the early music trio 'Hexachordia'(www.hexachordia.com) who will perform a concert entitled

"Music from the Court of Henry VIII", exploring the cultural world of the most famous king in British history. Singing and playing on instruments of the time, including the harp, lute, viol and recorder, the group will explore Henry VIII's reign, taking in his diplomatic triumphs such as the Field of the Cloth of Gold, as well as his loves, in the form of his many wives and his pastimes.

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine and nibbles

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Janet Ross

Either call on mobile: 07736 120931 or email jeross1@me.com

Or BACs directly : Letheringham Parochial Church Council , Barclays Bank, Account number 90571458 sort code 20.98.07 . Please reference Hexachordia concert.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Saturday 13th December 2025 - 7.30pm at St.Mary's, Letheringham

'Illuminati Choir' Full details to follow.



Future services:

Harvest Festival

Sunday 10th October 2025 10am

Remembrance Service

Sunday 9th November

Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 21st December 6pm



PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST MARY LEATHERINGHAM

The 2025 Letheringham Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is updated every six years and if your name appeared on the previous roll of 2019 or you live in the Parish of Letheringham or you have attended public worship in the parish, you may apply to be added to the new Electoral Roll.

Please contact Janet Ross email jeross1@me.com by Sunday 3rd August if you would like to receive an application for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of Letheringham.

Music from the Court of Henry VIII

performed by

Hexachordia

(hexachordia.com)



Sunday 31st August at 3pm

St Mary's Church, Letheringham IP13 7QY

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine and nibbles

For Ticket sales Janet Ross mobile: 07736 120931

or email jeross1@me.com

All proceeds, In aid of the Church restoration fund

MONNEWDEN NOTES



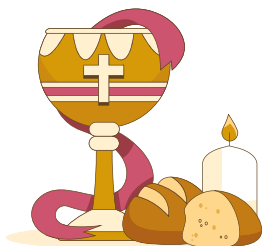
CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers/Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
Aug. 3	Benefice Service at Letheringham			
Aug. 10	C. Saxby	M. Sills	W. Heath	W. Heath
Aug. 17				
Aug. 24	F. Watts	L. Grier	P. Keeble	C. Saxby
Aug. 31				

CHURCH READERS

Aug. 10 Caroline, Jean.

Aug. 31 James, Wendy



FIRS FARM COMMUNION

This month's service will be on **Thursday, August 14th**, at **12 noon**, and will be taken by Revd. Kathleen Martin.

SATURDAY CAFE

Our next **SATURDAY CAFE** will be on Saturday, August 16th from 10 a.m. onwards. Real 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 August will be drawn at this event.



THE POP UP PUB

THE POP UP PUB which was held on Friday, July 18 at the village hall was a great success. The weather was kind to us so that most of the event was able to be held outdoors. There was a very good attendance, a good number of whom appreciated the excellent barbecue, which complemented the really fine local beer. Final figures are not yet available, but a good profit will have been made.

THE DEBENHAM PROJECT

A Month of Mixed Emotions – Honouring, Celebrating, and Remembering

June has been a month full of emotion — a time of great pride and gratitude, but also of heartfelt sorrow. One of our longest-standing members was honoured in a very special way, we came together for a joyful afternoon of connection and celebration, and sadly, we also said goodbye to a dearly loved friend.

Let me begin by congratulating **Russell Ling**, who has been awarded the **British Empire Medal** for his longstanding service to the Otley community. Russell joined the Debenham Project in its earliest days while caring for his wife, Rita. They were part of our very first Lunch Club in October 2009, and later, the Carers Club. After Rita's passing in 2012, Russell continued to be a part of our family – attending, helping, and contributing to our events and gatherings. His commitment perfectly reflects our ethos: *"When you become a member of the Debenham Project family, you always belong."*

Congratulations, Russell – you truly deserve this recognition.

Last week, we welcomed familiar faces – past and present – to a warm and lively summer afternoon as part of our **Annual Garden Gathering**. Hosted with great generosity by **Mike and Lyn Rouse**, the day was filled with shared memories, laughter, and a true sense of community. It was a wonderful way to reflect on all that the Project has achieved and to say thank you to everyone who has helped make it possible. The support of our community continues to be the heartbeat of everything we do.

And now, some sad news. **Carole Wood**, one of our earliest and dearest members, has passed away after a long illness. Carole came to us seeking support while caring for her beloved husband Brian. Together, they were a treasured part of our Carers and Lunch Clubs. After Brian's passing in 2014, Carole stayed on as a kind and committed volunteer, giving her time to the Fit Club and Carers Club. She touched so many lives with her warmth and care. We will miss her deeply.

Please join us in remembering Carole at a service of thanksgiving on Thursday, 10th July at 12.00pm at St. Mary's Church.

We are sorry for the mix-up and truly appreciate your understanding as we come together to honour her memory.

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ACROSS:

- 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter.
9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser.
11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub.
19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset.
23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

DOWN:

- 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns.
5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel.
9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish.
14, Ephesus. 15, Useful.
16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

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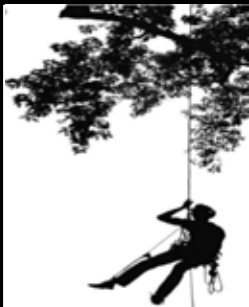
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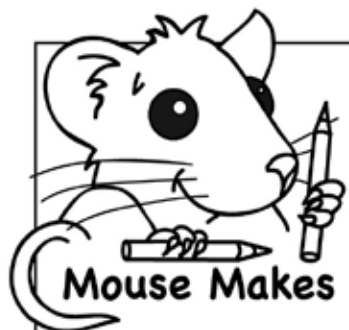
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from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



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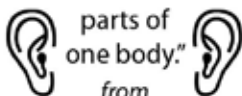
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