

Benefice of Mid-Loes Magazine

October - November 2026



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From The Rectory...

WELCOME to your October/November benefice magazine.

So, that was summer, a wonderful couple of months of great weather for all those children and families having time off from school and holidays, but, before you start writing to me... I understand that not all the farmers feel the same way, and we feel for them after the months and months of preparation for the harvest, with yields (from what I have been told), not as good as they would have liked. But, despite the hardships that farmers face today, I am delighted that we still celebrate the work of our local farming community through harvest services, which have now begun across the benefice and continue through October.

Harvest is a time of celebration, and it is my commitment to ensure that harvest services remain as relevant today, as they have in times past. With media stories of children growing up not knowing where a loaf of bread is made; thinking that supermarkets grow the fresh food; and with very little idea where milk comes from; I see an opportunity in reminding people of the tireless work of the farming community, all year round.

Along with harvest, there are also the annual Remembrance Services fast approaching, providing an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life, with Remembrance being observed across the benefice churches on Sunday 8th November. Our traditional parish churches remain relevant to this day because they are a place where generations of the community have gathered to remember, to grieve, and to give thanks. The church walls have witnessed the prayers of those who went to war, and the sorrow of those who waited for them to return. Today, our churches remain a place where we remember those who gave their lives, and where we pray for peace for generations to come.

Along with our harvest and Remembrance Services, I must also acknowledge the many joyful events that continue to take place through our churches. The Cream Teas at Charsfield have been another success this year; as was the Open Garden at Hoo; the Saturday Café at Monewden, along with the Coffee and Chat mornings at Dallinhoo and Cretingham, are all proving to be a success in bringing communities together, and with people travelling from afar to join us at these events. But, it doesn't stop there. Quiz Nights and Harvest Suppers take place during October, along with a concert at Ashfield, celebrating the diversity of music from the 17th Century to the present day... each event publicised within the magazine, and with each event bringing people together from across the benefice and beyond.

Who said there wasn't much to do in sleepy Suffolk???

Love, and Blessings,

Rev'd Gary



BENEFICE MORNING PRAYER

Following the success of our first Benefice Morning Prayer which took place during early July, we continue with different styles of prayer taking place during August and September at the following churches:

Wednesday 7th October - Dallinghoo - 10am

Wednesday 4th November - Earl Soham - 10am

Please join us for Morning Prayer, shared in different styles, providing a time and space to bring stillness and calm to our busy lives.



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BENEFICE CHOIR

If you would like to join a group of committed singers who come together on the first Sunday of the month at our benefice services, then please read on. Whether you are an experienced singer or have a good ear and the ability to 'pick up a tune', then please come along and join us at the next benefice service, details of which are on the front cover of this magazine. The Benefice Choir is developing a growing repertoire of Choral Music, Anthems, Psalms and Chants, and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us to sing at these well supported services.

**If you would like further information,
please contact Jonathan Lettin -
lettins@me.com**

Celtic Praise



Please join us for Celtic Praise, a new midweek addition to the service schedule here in the benefice, and one which is open to all people of all ages. Taking place October, and November, the service will be held using Celtic poetry, music, and scripture, all combining to give thanks for the environment in which we live and work here in East Suffolk. This service will have something for people of all ages, a service to which you will be warmly welcomed.

Please join us at St. Peter's Church, Cretingham, 7pm on:

Wednesday 14th October

& Wednesday 18th November

If you are a musician and would like to be involved in the service and getting involved with something new and different for this benefice, please contact Revd Wendy Gourlay by emailing, rev.wendygourlay@gmail.com

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**

Margaret Salter **01473 737 182**

Mary Vellacott **01728 685423**

Revd Wendy Gourlay **01728 685335**



CARERS CAFE & INFO CLUB

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

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Further information: the-debenham-project.org.uk 07541 345853

THE DEADLINE for contributions panel
December-January ISSUE is Sunday 22nd November

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ASHFIELD NOTES

CONCERT, ST MARY'S 3rd OCTOBER

Please see advert opposite with details of the concert taking place in Ashfield Church. If possible please let us know beforehand if you are coming so we can plan seating and refreshments.

Robert Grimsey

ORGAN FUND, UPDATE

A big thank you to all of you who have so generously supported us in our quest to replace the organ in Ashfield Church. At the time of writing we have achieved in the region of 75% of the target of £1500 we need to fulfil the project, and I have been made aware of one or two still to donate, so, hopefully by the time I write for the next magazine, we will have reached £1500. THANK YOU!

Still relating to the organ I am delighted to advise you that the DAC [Diocesan Advisory Committee] that oversees projects undertaken by churches in the diocese, has responded favourably to our proposal which is currently at the faculty notice stage. When that statutory period has been completed, hopefully by mid-late October, we can get the 'new' organ back to St Mary's where it will be thoroughly cleaned before it is rebuilt in its new home.

Robert Grimsey

CELEBRATION OF HARVEST, 2026

Our evening service on Sunday 11th October will be a 'Celebration of Harvest' when we give thanks for the harvest of food both locally and globally. Gifts of non-perishable food stuffs will be much appreciated at the service or placed in the box in the church porch before the day. All will be blessed and forwarded to FIND [Families in need] an Ipswich based charity that we support across the benefice.

Thank you.

Robert Grimsey



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At its recent meeting the Parish Council agreed to spend some of the CIL [Community Infrastructure Levy] money it has received recently as the result of developments taking place in the village. We have funded; a glass washing machine for the Village Hall and provision of a dog waste bin that will be situated along Grove Lane near the confluence of at least four well used footpaths. Its roadside position is well away from any homes so as to avoid any issues with smells arising from its content.

We recently became aware of a fault with the parishes defibrillator, it was sent away for repair and was found to be beyond economic repair. At the present time we have one 'on loan' from the supplier. A replacement has been ordered and will hopefully be funded at least in part by grants from our District and County Councillors with any remaining balance coming from the CIL funds. At close to £900 a new one is not cheap however, as it is intend for use in an emergency to save a life/s we are sure you will agree it is money well spent!

As we move to a new/more modern defibrillator Ruth and Des Hart have retired from looking after it for us after some seven years. On behalf of everyone I would like to put on record my thanks to them. Going forward the defibrillator will be looked after by Cllr. Lindsey Pearson.

The next scheduled Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Robert Grimsey

CAROL SERVICE 2026

The Carol Service will take place on Monday 21st December at 7pm. Please Save The Date into your diaries now.





Village Harvest Supper

Saturday 3rd October

Start 7:00 - 7:30pm

Charsfield Village Hall

Hot Meal - Bar - Raffle

**Please email linda.e.stratton@gmail.com
to reserve a place and for any dietary requirements**

Donations to Charsfield Church Funds

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES



CREAM TEAS

Many thanks to everyone that has come to the monthly Cream Teas at St. Peter's Charsfield this summer. A total of £573 has been raised by generous donations to go towards the repair of the chancel ceiling at St. Peter's.

CHURCHYARD

A big thank you to the team of volunteers who help maintain the churchyard at St. Peter's. The churchyard has just had its last cut and all the grass has been raked up by the team. A great effort!



BAPTISM

Baptism of Theodore John Lawrenson with parents Wendy and Jacob at St. Peter's Charsfield



CHARSFIELD FLOWER, PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

Thank you to everyone who entered the Charsfield flower, Produce and Craft Show this year. Also thanks to those who came along to look at the entries and stay for refreshments. The standard of entries was very high and despite the dry weather causing low entries in the fruit and vegetables section, the flower classes, domestic classes and photography classes were well supported. We are going to revamp the schedule for 2027 and would welcome suggestions from you. Perhaps you bake a lovely cake or pie which we don't currently have in the schedule or you practise some craft that isn't covered by one of the classes or even grow an exotic plant for which there isn't a category. Whatever it is, if you have something you would like to show off about please let us know. Any sensible ideas will be considered. Suggestions can be sent to morrisonelizabeth@gmail.com



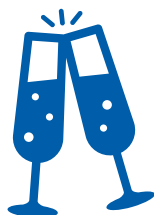
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CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHARSFIELD

Date	Readers	Sides person
October 18th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Franki Linda	Linda
October 25th 10am Holy Communion	Lesley Margaret	Margaret
November 15th 4pm Evening Prayer	Antony Mike	Mike
November 22nd 10am Holy Communion	Sheila Lesley	Lesley
November 29th 10am Morning Prayer	Mike Margaret	Margaret

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHARSFIELD CLEANING ROTA

10 October	Lucy	8 November	Linda & Lesley
24 October	Margaret	22 November	Beverley

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHARSFIELD FLOWER ROTA

10 October 26	Lesley Fuller	07 November 26	Linda Stratton
17 October 26	Lesley Fuller	14 November 26	Linda Stratton
24 October 26	Margaret Salter	21 November 26	Maureen Arbon
31 October 26	Margaret Salter	28 November 26	Maureen Arbon



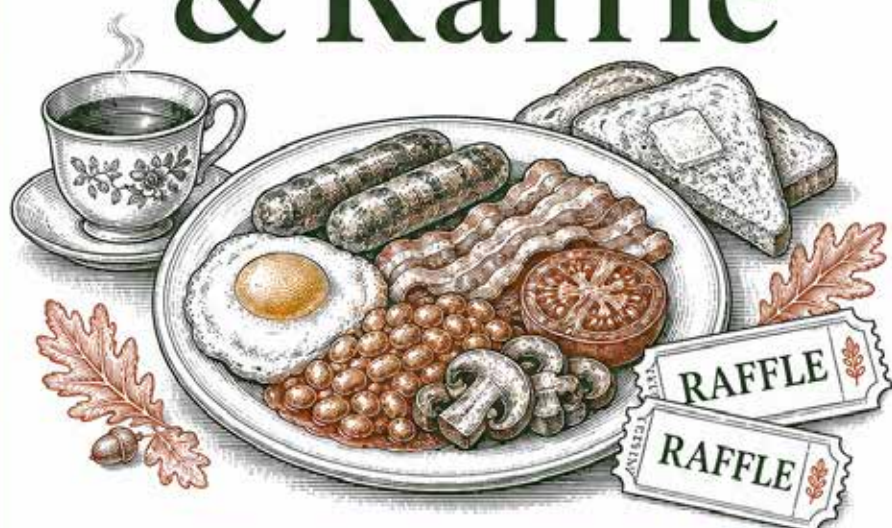
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please use the Prayer Boxes found in all the benefice churches
or email midloesprayer@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Village Brunch & Raffle



**SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER
2026**

10.30am to 1pm

Charsfield Village Hall

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All profits go towards maintaining
our recreation ground

Further details nearer the time



**Will
Charsfield
retain the
Rector's
Cup?**

Saturday 10th October

in Brandeston Village Hall at 7.00pm

Teams of 6, or come as an individual or pair and we will help you make a team with others.

Hot supper, bar, raffle and plenty of light-hearted competition.

Tickets £15 Adults / £6 Children.

Book with: heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk or tubric.cottage@gmail.com

Please let us know of any allergies/dietary needs.



COFFEE AND CHAT IN ST PETER'S, CRETINGHAM

Our popular Coffee and Chat get-togethers continue on:

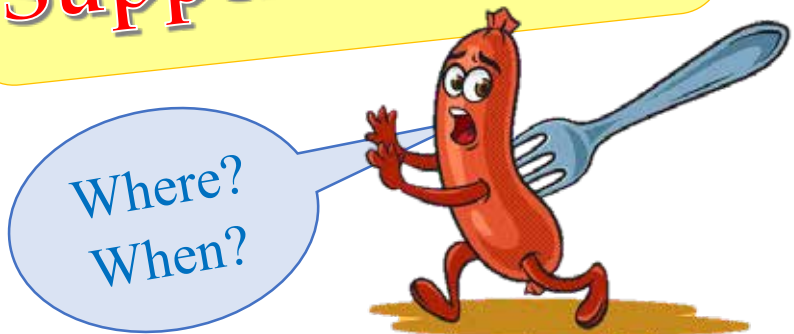
Monday 19th October & Friday 13th November

From 10.30 until Noon – fresh coffee, a selection of teas,
biscuits and (increasingly) CAKE are served,
along with CHAT about all manner of subjects.

COME AND JOIN US ALL ARE WELCOME

Friends of St Peter's Cretingham

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Will Charsfield retain The Rector's Cup they won in 2024?

CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP

2026



Enclosed in this copy of the magazine is a leaflet outlining the finances of our parish church and suggesting ways in which you may be able to support our work throughout the year. As Treasurer I am always happy to share the detailed accounts – please just ask for a copy by emailing: tubric.cottage@gmail.com

Alister

COFFEE AND CHATS

Come along for tea, coffee and (increasingly CAKE) and good conversation at our friendly **Coffee and Chats** mornings.

Everyone is very welcome from **10.30am to 12 noon. Monday 19th October Friday 13th November**

CELTIC PRAISE

Twenty-five worshippers from across the Benefice joined together at our first Celtic Praise at St Peter's Church, Crettingham, on **Wednesday 16th September**.



This reflective midweek service blended Celtic poetry, scripture and music in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, giving thanks for the beauty of God's creation and our

life together in East Suffolk. Our worship was enhanced with a newly-established music group featuring keyboard, flute, clarinet, guitar and double bass.

Everyone is welcome. Our remaining two services this year are on **Wednesday 14th October** and **Wednesday 18th November**, both at 7.00pm.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

on **Sunday 8th November** at 10.50am



CAROLS IN THE CRETINGHAM BELL

Thursday 10th December at 7.00pm – raising money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices

CHURCH CHRISTMAS STALLS

Saturday 12th December 10.00am to 12 noon.

CAROL SERVICE

in St Peter's at 4pm on **Sunday 20th December**. Mulled wine and Mince Pies.



CHRISTMAS DAY IN ST PETER'S

An All-Age Service with Holy Communion at 10.00am



DALLINGHOO NOTES

Thank you to everyone in Dallingham who has supported the magazine through donations. It costs around 98p a copy to produce the magazine, so your donations go a long way to keeping the magazine printing. Thank you

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN DALLINGHOO

The last two coffee mornings raised a total of £265 and £36 for the dishwasher fund. Thank you to everyone who supports the coffee morning, without you there would be no coffee morning. I would also like to thank Linda, Angela & Norman for everything you do to help run the coffee morning.



The Pet service was held on 26th July and what a lovely service it was. Horses, Dogs and Tortoise brought their humans along. Whilst Reverend Gary gave a lovely service, I have to say Rev Gary you were upstaged by Cedric the tortoise who had us all on our toes as he chased the dogs and tried on numerous occasions to escape into the great yonder. Thank you Wendy Gourlay for playing the organ through the dog barking, horse neighing and human chuckles. Thank you Rev Gary for a lovely service and to Sarah for providing the cream teas.

Afternoon tea was held at Valley farm on Sunday 6th August. Thank you to Sheila & The Parker family for opening up their house and garden for this event. It was a wonderful afternoon raising an impressive £174. Thanks also to Amanda, Dawn & Jane for the wonderful spread.



St Mary's church has had a bit of a makeover in recent weeks. There has been some limewash done, some filling of cracks and painting of railings, the church is looking good, thank you to Iain Parker, John Gill and Chris Pennington for your work.

A Car & Tractor rally was held at the village hall on Saturday 8th August. It was amazing to see so many well loved cars and tractors, there was also a model railway set up in the hall which was of much interest to many visitors. Ian Love of Dallingham kindly picked the winners, which were... Car up to Mr Steve Chambers of Dallingham for car cup and Tractor cup to Mr Peter Scot of Parham. Thank you to Derek for organising the event and everyone who helped, entered or visited on the day. A total of £300 was raised.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 24th October

Harvest supper If you have never been before please give it a go. The harvest supper is a really social evening, don't be shy you will receive a very warm welcome.

Saturday 7th November 10 - 12

Coffee morning. Breakfast rolls and Cheese Scones will be available. There will also be a cake sale and pre-loved items stall. Why not call in, we look forward to seeing you. **On the move? No problem, takeaway coffee bacon roll or egg buttly available.**

Saturday 5th December

Christmas fayre 5th at the village hall. 11.00 - 3pm

Saturday 19th December

Carol service St Marys church Dallingham 3.30pm

If you want to get involved in any event please get in touch.

Email janedsewell@gmail.com

Telephone: Jane 07780787842

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

For the Dallingham Churchyard Maintenance morning on Saturday 10th October from 10 to 12. All volunteers welcome.



DALLINGHOO CARPET BOWLS

Come and join us at Dallingham Village Hall for an evening of fun and gentle exercise. No previous experience necessary.

The dates for the new season are all Wednesdays.
October 7th, October 21st
November 4th, November 18th
December 2nd, December 16th

We arrive at 7.20pm
for play at 7.30pm
Fee £2 to include tea/
coffee and biscuits.
More details from Cliff
Green 07928 425449





You are warmly invited to



Dallinghoo's Harvest Supper

Saturday 24th October 2026

Please join us for a 2-course supper and followed by a mini quiz.

Where: Dallinghoo Jubilee Hall

Time: 7pm for 7.30 sit down

Cost: Adult £15 Under 14s £7.50

To book, please email dallinghoo.hs@gmail.com by the 19th October

There will be a raffle!



CALLING ALL CAROL SINGERS IN DALLINGHOO

ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

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Photos from around the Benefice



EARL SOHAM FETE - 1st August

WOW... what a wonderful day we had! I think we can safely say it was one of the best. The green was absolutely buzzing, with so many visitors of all ages enjoying the afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many local families and familiar faces but also families who had travelled from much further afield and come back to revisit a fete that has clearly become a special part of their lives.

We have raised a good amount towards the upkeep of our church building, but without any doubt we created something equally valuable: a lovely community day where families, friends and visitors could come together, have fun and enjoy Earl Soham at its best.

We would like to thank the following local people and businesses who supported us, either by sponsoring a stall or donating a raffle prize: Aspsall Cider, Clarke & Simpson, Des and Ruth Hart, Earl Soham Brewery, East of England Co-op, Ernest Doe, Gatsbys, Bruce Hinton, John Hutton, Longstaffs, Matspace, Phil and Inga Reed, Rob Pearce, Signal House Therapies, Village Motorcycles, Walnes.

Thank you for supporting us and helping to create such a wonderful afternoon.

READINGS & CHURCH SERVICES

OCTOBER 2026

Church	October 4 th	October 7 th	October 11 th	October 14 th	October 18 th	October 25 th
	Trinity 18 Green	WEDNESDAY	Trinity 19 Green	WEDNESDAY	Trinity 20 Green	Last of Trinity Green
Ashfield			6.30pm Celebration of Harvest VB		8.30am Holy Communion GB	X
Charsfield with Debach	10am Benefice Holy Communion GB		X		6.30pm Evening Prayer KM	10am Holy Communion KM 3pm Thanksgiving Service for the Departed KM-WG-AG
Cretingham			10am Morning Prayer AG	7pm Benefice Celtic Praise	10am Holy Communion GB	X
Dallinghoo		10am Benefice Morning Prayer AG	10am Holy Communion KM		10am All-Age Harvest WG	X
EarlSoham			10am All-Age Worship WG		10am Holy Communion KM	10am Morning Prayer AG
Hoo			8.30am Holy Communion GB		X	8.30am Morning Prayer KM
Letheringham			X		X	X
Monewden			10am Holy Communion GB		X	10am All-Age Worship WG

Date	Readings	Psalm
October 4 th Benefice Service	Philippians 3:4-14 Matthew 21:33-end	19:7-end
October 11 th	Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	106:1-6,19-23
October 18 th	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	99
October 25 th	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-end	90:1-6,13-17

Key to Service Leader:

GB = Revd Gary Best;

KM = Revd Kathleen Martin;

WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay;

AG = Alister Gourlay, Lay Elder;

CW = Churchwarden;

VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.



NOVEMBER 2026



Church	November 1 st	November 4 th	November 8 th	November 15 th	November 18 th	November 22 nd	November 29 th
	All Saints White	WEDNESDAY	Remembrance Sunday Red	2nd Before Advent Red	WEDNESDAY	Christ the King Red	Advent Sunday Purple
Ashfield	10am Benefice Holy Communion GB		4pm Evening Prayer with Act of Remembrance VB	8.30am Holy Communion KM		X	X
Charsfield with Debach			10.45am Remembrance WVG 3pm(Debach) WVG	4pm Evening Prayer GB		10am Morning Prayer GB	10am Holy Communion KM
Cretingham			10.50am Remembrance AG	10am Holy Communion GB	7pm Benefice Celtic Praise	X	X
Dallinghoo			9.30am Remembrance GB	10am All-Age Worship KM		X	4pm Holy Communion GB
Earl Soham		10am Benefice Morning Prayer KM	10.45am Remembrance GB	10am Holy Communion WVG		10am Morning Prayer CW	10am Christingle GB
Hoo			8.30am Remembrance with Letheringham KM	X		8.30am Holy Communion GB	X
Letheringham			8.30am Remembrance AT HOO	X		X	X
Monewden			10.45am Remembrance HC KM	X		10am All-Age Worship KM	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB

Date	Readings	Psalm
November 1 st Benefice Service	1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	34:1-10
November 8 th Remembrance Sunday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-end Matthew 25:1-13	70
November 15 th	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	90:1-8
November 22 nd	Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end	95:1-7
November 29 th Advent Sunday	1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-end	80:1-8



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Our Annual Tournament was well supported by players from a wide area of surrounding villages in Suffolk and two teams from Mistley and Manningtree Bowls Club. The winning team were from Alderton Bowls Club. The runners-up were from Fressingfield Bowls Club and third place went to a team from Earl Soham Bowls Club.

Thanks to the hard work of Earl Soham Bowls Club members, the support of visiting players and the generous sponsorship of Longstaff Transport, Walnes Seeds, Bruce Hinton (Earl Soham Business Centre), Clarke and Simpson, Suffolk Building Society, Framlingham DIY Building Supplies and CETA Limited (Solar Panel Cleaning & Maintenance), £1,326 was raised for Club funds.

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We need school age children to take part as various characters (no acting required) to create the nativity scene whilst the congregation sing carols to narrate the story of Christ's birth.

The Commitment:

- To attend rehearsal on Sunday 20th December @ 10am (approx 1 hour max)
- To come to Earl Soham Church at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve to be ready for the 6 o'clock service – to which all are very welcome

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RIDE AND STRIDE 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

We were very pleased to welcome almost forty visitors to St Andrew and St Eustacius on 12 September 2026 for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" event. As usual, this was very much a team event as far as the PCC were concerned, with all members involved either in the preparation or on the day. The weather was ideal for cycling, but it was nice to also have a number of walkers visit the church. Also included amongst our visitors was Rev Kathleen, along with Brian, representing the Ministry Team.



I was able to do a bit of cycling myself, from Debenham to Hoo, to do the 12pm to 3pm session, and then back again. When I was not chatting to visitors, Hoo church, as always, was a lovely oasis of peace; as I have said before, the perfect Suffolk country church. On Saturday, that mood was shown to perfection by the sun shining through a window and illuminating a simple but effective floral decoration.

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FIRS FARM COMMUNION

Will held at lunch time, 12 noon, on Thursday, October 8th and Thursday, November 12th. These services will be taken by Revd. Kathleen Martin, and take place on the second Thursday of the month. Anyone in the Benefice is very welcome to attend.

ROTA

Date	Flowers/Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
Oct. 11	F. Watts	J. Vonberg	J. Dinwiddy	C. Saxby
Oct. 25	W. Heath	W. Heath	W. Heath	L. Grier
Nov. 8	S. Kingston	M. Sills	P. Keeble	W. Heath
Nov. 22	M. Gibson	L. Grier	B. Martin	C. Saxby

TOY SERVICE:

This year we will be holding a Benefice Service at St. Mary's, Monewden at 10 a.m. on December 6. Both the toys and collection will be donated to the Salvation Army.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Monewden will be held on November 8th at 10.45 a.m.

RIDE AND STRIDE

This year was held on Saturday, September 12, and was blessed with fine weather which may have contributed to the increase in the number of visitors to Monewden Church. Thanks are due to our church sitters, Brian who took care of the morning and Wendy who was on duty in the afternoon.

BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

**Thursday 8th October
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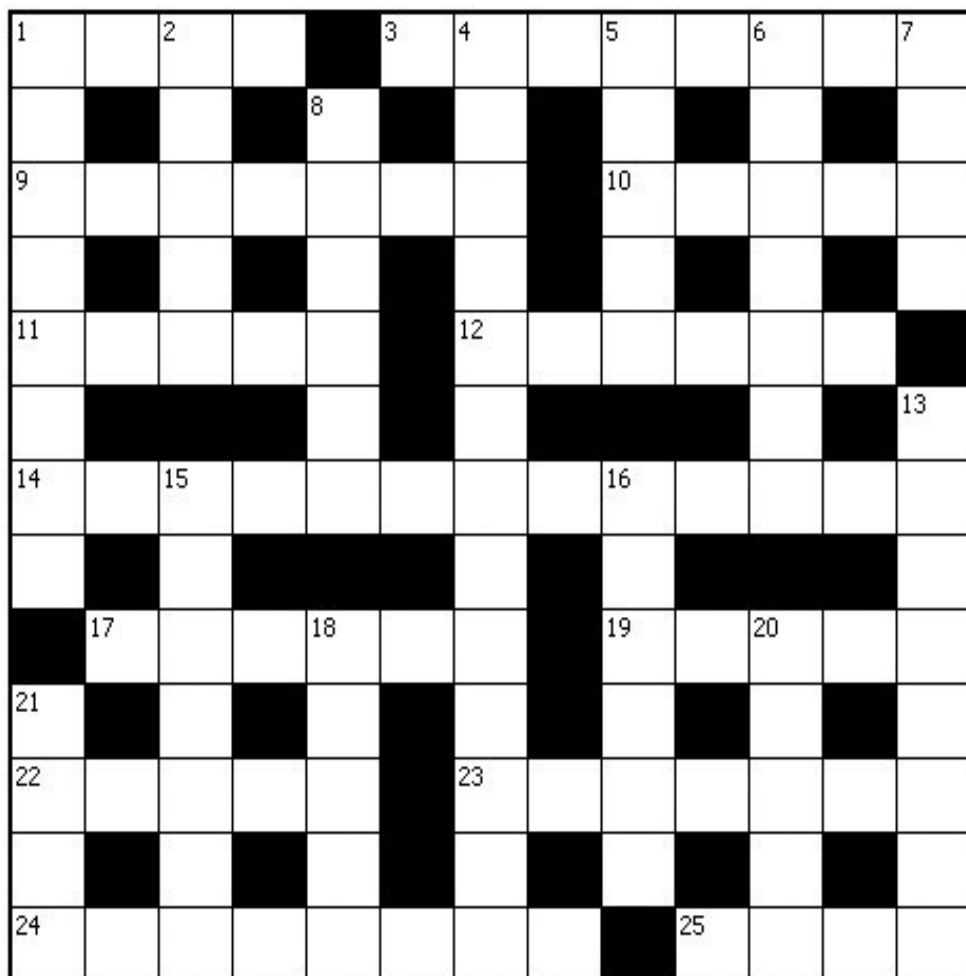
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- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You – to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the – of – , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, – the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I – – the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other – – and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a – priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little – come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were – – their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly – a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us – his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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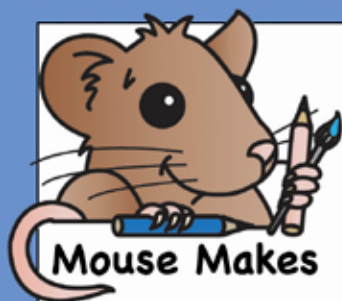
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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?



4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



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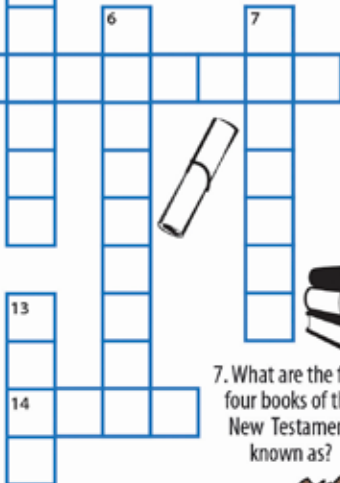


5. The first book of the Bible.

8. The last book in the Bible.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

13. The Bible is also known as the _____ of God.
Hebrews 4:12



3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

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6. God's word is like? A _____ and a _____
Psalms 119:105

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



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DOWN: 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

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