

Four Rivers Benefice Newsletter

* Bedfield * Brundish * Cratfield * Laxfield
 * Monk Soham * Tannington * Wilby
 * Worlingworth with Southolt

August 2018

On Saturday 30th June 2018, Bishop Martin ordained 34 deacons and priests to serve in the county's communities, during two moving and packed services at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. They are from all sorts of backgrounds – and many people turned up to celebrate the beginning of these new deacons and priests' ministries.

In the Four Rivers Benefice, we have two new deacons, Rev'd David Mulrenan and Rev'd Rebecca Artiss and you will be seeing them in the course of their ministries working throughout the benefice.



Please give them a welcome and an encouraging word and most importantly of all, keep them in your prayers as they work with us in the days and years to come.

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August 2018	5th Trinity 10 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	12th Trinity 11 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	19th Trinity 12 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	26th Trinity 13 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
St Nicholas Bedfield		10am Family Service RA		9.30am Holy Communion RO
St Lawrence Brundish	8am BCP Holy Comm DB 6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Village Worship LE		11am Holy Communion DB
St Mary Cratfield		6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Village Worship LE	8am Holy Communion DB
All Saints' Laxfield	9.30am Morning Prayer LE	11am Holy Communion DB	8am HC DB 6pm Hartismere Hse DB	9.30am Family Service LE
St Peter Monk Soham		11am Morning Prayer RO	11am Holy Communion DB	11am Morning Prayer RA
St Ethelbert Tannington				
St Mary Wilby	11am Holy Communion RO	9.30am Village Worship LE	11am Morning Prayer DM	9.30am Village Worship LE
St Mary Worlingworth	9.30am Holy Communion RO	11am Let's Celebrate Patronal EG	11am Morning Prayer LE	11am Morning Prayer RO

DB - Rev'd David Burrell, RO - Rev'd Ron Orams,
 RA - Rev'd Rebecca Artiss, DM - Rev'd David Mulrenan, EG - Rev'd Eleanor Goodison
 LE - lay elders of the parishes

August

Thursday 2nd August

Afternoon tea at the Laxfield Rectory
Every first Thurs, 3 to 4.30pm. Open to all.

Friday 3rd (and every Friday)

Celtic Worship, a short service at 9am in Laxfield Church.

Saturday 4th

Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market, 10am to 12noon.

Wednesday 8th (and every Weds)

A short service, 9.15am at Wilby church.

Sunday 12th

Worlingworth Patronal Service, dedicated to St Mary, 11am, conducted by Rev'd Eleanor Goodison.

Also Sunday 12th

Pet Service 10am at Bedfield church, outside in fine weather, inside if not. Bring pets from dogs to ponies, guinea pigs to stick insects. Refreshments afterwards.

Thursday 16th

Discussion group at Hartismere House

Fridays 17th, 24th and 31st

Choral Compline at St Peter's Monk Soham, 7pm - a short traditional service of approximately 20 mins. All are welcome to come and sing, join in or listen.

Tuesday 21st

Drop In for coffee. Come to Wilby church for a chat and coffee, 10 - 11.30am.

Thursday 23rd

Holy Communion at Hartismere House, Laxfield, 10.30am. Do join us. (every 4th Thursday of the month)

Sunday 29th July 2018, Confirmations and Commissioning with Bishop Martin at Brundish church. It was a very happy day enjoyed by everyone there.



Tuesdays 14th, 21st, 28th Aug, 4th Sept

Bible study of the Book of Amos at St Peter's Church, Monk Soham, 7pm. Just turn up.

September

Saturday 1st

Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market, 10am to 12noon.

Sunday 2nd

Brundish Summer Fête
12pm to 4pm, Brundish Village Green. All the traditional stalls and games. Come and join us for a fun afternoon.

Wednesday 5th (and every Weds)

A short service, 9.15am at Wilby church.

Thursday 6th

Afternoon tea at the Laxfield Rectory
Every first Thurs, 3 to 4.30pm. Open to all.

Friday 7th (and every Friday)

Celtic Worship, a short service at 9am in Laxfield Church.

To receive this newsletter by email or to submit items for inclusion:
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Saturday 8th

Ride and Stride, the Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride, in which people all over England walk or cycle from Cornwall to Northumberland. All churches in our benefice are participating and need your help. Families, groups of friends, dog walkers can make this a great day out. If you are not able to cycle or walk, then could you be one of the recorders, sitting peacefully in the church or grounds, welcoming in the riders and filling in a couple of bits of paper.? Most churches have a rota so please do speak to your local organiser. As well as raising money for your local church, 50% goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust which has already helped to keep several of our local churches open; so in lots of ways this is a really worthwhile venture. Be part of it and join in the fun! Forms in churches.

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Safeguarding

As I travel around the benefice, I often think of those who give their time in the service of the church. I give thanks to God for all that you do and I would like to say it is very much appreciated.

You bring the church to life, you make it a clean and welcoming place, and you brighten even the darkest corners with flowers. You bring music and enrich our liturgy. Our wardens make sure the church is sound and maintained, and our PCC members help the churches to serve their communities. Sidesmen welcome our congregations and the coffee makers refresh our visitors before they leave us. This is to name but a few of the things that are done voluntarily in our church communities.

Along with many other organisations, the Church of England is keen that as many people as possible have a basic awareness of Safeguarding. We would like to invite you to one of two meetings in the benefice, either:

* **Thurs 6th September** in Bedfield Sports Centre, for tea and cake at 3.15pm, or
* **Weds 12th September** at Laxfield church, 7pm for drinks and nibbles. At each meeting Mary Lewis will be talking about Safeguarding; the meeting will last for about 45mins. *It is also possible to access an online training course via the diocesan website – speak to me if you prefer this.*

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact me either by email or phone. *For anyone who cannot make these sessions, there will be two more courses in Syleham Village Hall (IP21 4LT) at 7pm on Weds 22nd August, and 10am on Saturday 25th August.*
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