

Four Rivers Benefice News

Parishes of Bedfield, Brundish
Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham

Tannington, Wilby
Worlingworth with Southolt

February and March 2024



March 2024	3rd	10th	17th	24th	Good Friday	31st
	Exod 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Mothering Sun Coloss 3:12-17 Exodus 2:1-10 Luke 2:33-35	Jerem 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Palm Sunday Psalm 118:19-e Mark 11:1-11		Easter Day Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8
St Nicholas Bedfield		10.30am Holy Comm CS		10.30am Family Service EP	10.30am Easter Garden CS	10.30am Fam Comm CS
St Lawrence Brundish	9am Holy Comm CS			9am Holy Comm RA		9am Fam Comm CS
St Mary Cratfield	9am Village Worship SP	6pm Evening Prayer EP		9am Holy Comm EP		9am Fam Comm CM
All Saints Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Service LE	10.30am Morning Praise CM	10.30am Holy Comm EP	10.30am Fourth Sunday FS team / CS	10.30am Easter Garden EP	10.30am Fam Comm EP
St Peter Monk Soham		11am Morning Prayer RA	11am Holy Comm RA		9am Sung Litany RA	11am Fam Comm RA
St Ethelbert Tannington						
St Mary Wilby	10.30am Village Worship EP	10.30am Holy Comm EP	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Morning Prayer CM	10.30am Good Friday CM	10.30am Fam Comm CM
St Mary Worlingworth	11am Morning Prayer BS	11am Let's Celebrate BS	11am Holy Comm CM	11am Morning Prayer RA	11am At the foot of the cross BS	11am Fam Comm RO
Zoom Services	Celtic Prayer, Wednesdays 7pm and Fridays 9am (not Good Friday) Email rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com for a link to join					

Maundy Thursday, Agape services at Bedfield at 6.30pm (CS), Cratfield at 7pm (CM), Laxfield at 7pm (EP)

Good Friday - see above

Advance notices

Coming soon.....Forest Church and Messy Church coming to Brundish. Watch this space!

Saturday 19th April Charity Concert, Laxfield.

Tuesdays 23rd and 30th April Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCMs) dependent on parish. More details later.

Saturday 8th / Sunday 9th June Laxfield open gardens.

Sunday 30th June Benefice visit to the Cathedral. More details soon. Interested in joining us?

Please contact Revd Chrissie on rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com

Learning Thursdays in Lent.....

A Deeper Dive - a more in depth look into the life of Jesus and how his teachings affects us in our daily lives.

This course will be **starting on Thursday 15th February** and will be fortnightly, **7pm** at The Vicarage in Laxfield or, if you prefer, you may join on Zoom.

We will be following *The Jesus Lifestyle* by Nicky Gumbel.

The book is available from Amazon, the Alpha shop or through local bookshops.

How to painlessly read your bible in a year. This course will **start on Thursday, 22nd February, at 7pm** and will run on alternate Thursdays at The Vicarage with a choice of joining by Zoom., if you would prefer.

There will be multiple resources to help us get the most out of the course, both for those of us who like technology and those who prefer the paper approach.

If you are interested in either of these, please contact Revd Enid on 01986 743093 or revid4drivers@gmail.com and she will give you preparation notes.

If you are interested but would prefer a daytime meeting, that might be possible too.

Monday 26th February - Benefice prayer group, 2pm at The Vicarage, Laxfield.

There are so many things in our world that need prayer.

Let's join together before God either praying silently or aloud.

Church contacts

Bedfield, St Nicholas: Revd Chrissie Smart 01728 627838

Brundish, St Lawrence: Tina Smiddy 01379 388298

Cratfield, St Mary: Revd Clive Mobbs 01986 798465

Laxfield, All Saints': Jackie and Mike Turton 01986 798618

Monk Soham, St Peter: Geoff Artiss 01728 685663

Tannington, St Ethelbert: Chloé Cross 07714 734756

Wilby, St Mary: Mary Pipe 01728 723443, Rob Barber 01379 388040

Worlingworth, St Mary: Bert Stanford 01728 628474, Ann Davidson 01728 627862

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Saturday 3rd Feb

Pop-Up Market 9.30 to 11.30am, Laxfield church. Refreshments inc. bacon rolls. Fair Trade stall and charity stall.

Fridays 9th Feb / 8th March

Meet Up Friday 10 to 11.30am, second Friday of the month, The Royal Oak, Laxfield. Come and meet others informally.

Saturday 17th

Saturday Social 10 to 11.30am in Laxfield church. Coffee, tea and cake.

Monday 19th Feb / 18th March

The Care Café will take place at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am to 1pm. This is free of charge and we welcome carers, cared for, bereaved or those who are alone and would just like some company and a chat. Contact Jenny Hinchey on 01728 627134 or 07710 218957.

Wednesday 14th

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and ashing service at Laxfield at 7pm. Also deanery services at Mendham at 10.30am and Wingfield at 7pm.

Wednesdays 21st Feb / 20th March

Drop In at Wilby church. 10 to 11.30am. Drop in for coffee, delicious cakes and a chat. Everybody welcome!

Celtic Prayer by Zoom happens each Wednesday evening at 7pm and each Friday morning at 9am. Email rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com for a link. Wednesdays in Lent we will explore stories of the women at the foot of the cross.

Friday 1st March

World Day of Prayer 10.30am at Hoxne church. Coffee from 10am. Join us and people round the world at this special service, this year focussing on Palestine. *I beg you, bear with one another in love.* Everyone welcome!

Saturday 2nd

Laxfield Community Market 9.30 to 12.

Saturday 16th

Tower Café breakfast 9 to 11am, Laxfield church.

Also Sat 16th Healing prayer training day 10am to 4pm, St John's Woodbridge. This is a very important subject and one in which we need to update our skills. We should be able to offer healing prayer after every service. You don't need any previous experience - just love for other people and God. Take your own lunch. Coffee/tea supplied. If you need a lift on the day, please ask. To register or for more details, please contact Revd Enid on revenid4rivers@gmail.com

Wednesday 20th Deanery Synod

meets in Eye church at 7pm. Open to everyone.

Messy Church took place before and after Christmas in conjunction with all 4 benefice schools. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to doing it quarterly in future. Please pray for the children in our schools to know Jesus loves them.



Feb 2024	4th Feb	11th Feb	18th Feb	25th Feb
	Candlemas Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40	Sun before Lent 2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinth 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Lent 1 Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-end Mark 1:9-15	Lent 2 Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-end Mark 8:31-end
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Brundish and Wilby Lent Lunches

will be taking place on **Saturdays from 12.30 to 2pm**. Join us for soup followed by cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee, and enjoy a chat. No charge but donations invited for various charities. Everyone very welcome – no booking necessary, just come along.

17th Feb Little Manor Farm, The Street, Brundish, IP13 8BL, hosted by Tina and Paul Smiddy.

24th Feb Woodlands, Brundish, IP13 8BH, hosted by Helen and Tim Gillingham.

2nd March Oaklands Farm, Brundish Road, Wilby, IP21 5LS hosted by Barbara and Ben Barker.

9th March Russell Lodge, Russell Green, Wilby, IP21 5LX hosted by Linda and Jeff Wright.

16th March St Edmunds, The Street, Brundish, IP13 8BL, hosted by Mig and Catherine Bacon.

23rd March Mulberry Lodge, Laxfield Road, Stradbroke, IP21 5NQ hosted by Alex and Roger Gwyn.