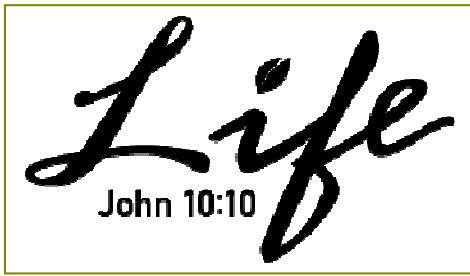


South Hartismere Benefice

January Newsletter 2018



Choose - a reflection from #God with us

New Year is a good time to think about the year ahead and the resolutions we are going to make; as you know, I struggle a bit with resolutions, but I can embrace the idea of choices. Perhaps this New Year might be a chance for us to reflect how our choices will bring life to ourselves and others.

In the story of the Exodus God offers his people a choice: 'Now choose life, so that you and your children may live' (*Deuteronomy 30.19*)

Jesus echoes these words when he tells us: 'I come that they might have life, and have it abundantly' (*John 10.10*)

Choosing life is choosing to live by faith, hope and love, and using these three things to shape who we are and what we do.

Choosing life is seeking to live more fully with God, enabling those around us to flourish, and to say yes to the life that Jesus offers.

In this time of transition in our Benefice, it is important that we focus on the signs of life all around us, rather than mourning that which we have lost. We have already seen signs of the mission and ministry to which God is calling us - in our schools, our Care Homes, to the housebound, those who are ill, those whom we support through baptisms, weddings and funerals, and those we serve through our coffee mornings and social activities.

All the time new people are coming forward from the wider community to become involved in the life of our churches and the work we are being called to do. This will become a major focus for our PCCs in the coming year as we seek to build up teams to support the mission we are engaged in, and match people's gifts and skills to the ministry we offer; and as we do this we will be able to see how and where God is at work, and be able to articulate it to one another so that all can share in the life Jesus offers.

Wishing you prayers and blessings for 2018.

Julia

Food, Fun and Family Friendly!

What's not to like! Come and join us, you are assured of a warm welcome. There is a variety of family friendly services and activities each month in this benefice.

First Sunday

Cafe Church at Thorndon Church,
9.15am

Messy Church at Yaxley Village Hall,
4.00 - 5.00pm

Third Saturday

Pizza n Prayer at Thorndon Church for children 9+
4.45 - 6.45pm (*please note new start time*)

Third Sunday

Family Cafe Church at Gislingham Village Hall,
10.30 - 11.30am (*please note new start time*)

Fourth Sunday

Messy Church at Wetheringsett Village Hall,
4.00 - 5.00pm

Coffee Morning at All Saints Church, Wetheringsett
Wednesday morning from 10.30am
(*following Morning Prayer at 10am*)

returning in the New Year on Wednesday 28th February



Regular mid week services

Tuesday: 9.00am Morning Prayer at Gislingham Church

Wednesday: 10.00am Morning Prayer at Wetheringsett Church followed by Coffee Morning *returning on 28th February 2018*

Thursday: 9.30am Morning Prayer at Thorndon Church

First Wednesday of the month:

11.15am Holy Communion at The Limes, Mellis

Second Wednesday of the month:

11.00am Holy Communion at Yaxley House

6.00pm Midweek Worship at Mellis Church

The Coffee Morning held at Gislingham Village Hall on Tuesday 21st November in aid of The Children's Society raised £239.95. Thanks to all who helped in anyway, and those who supported.

Details of the profit made from the sale of Christmas cards will be announced later in the year.



Please note:

Songs of Praise will return at St Mary's Church, Gislingham on Sunday 11th March

Confirmation Service with +Bishop Mike

Sunday 4th February at 6.00pm at All Saints, Wetheringsett

Monthly sale of
second hand books
1st Saturday of the month
10am – 12noon



with
coffee & cakes



Village Hall, Gislingham

Gentleman's breakfast
2nd Saturday of the month

9.00am

at

Stoke Ash White Horse

Contact John Stanley

Tel: 01379 678003



The next Coffee Morning in
Gislingham Village Hall
will be
on Tuesday 16th January
10.30am – 12noon
any donations, after expenses,
to CRUSE

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Every Tuesday
10am – 12noon
Stalls and Refreshments

All Saints Church, Thorndon

Please note:

re-start on the 9th January

New Shoots Lunch
Tuesday 30th January
12.30pm – 2pm
Village Hall, Thornham Magna

Booking essential to : Beyond the Wall
Tel: 01379 788700

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Third Wednesday in the month
at the Village Hall, Yaxley
from 10.30am until noon
(17th January)
Funds towards St Mary's church

Gislingham Bible study class

Thursday

10.00am – 11.30am

Contact Ann Cottee

01379 788633



followed by coffee and chat

returning on 11th January

Thorndon Home Group
Tuesday evening

Contact :

Kim Palmer on
01379 678250



*Mellis Church monthly
Coffee Morning is closed for
the Winter*



DEANERY MEETINGS – 2018

The next Deanery Meeting is a joint meeting with Hoxne on Wednesday March 21st at the Sancroft Hall in Fressingfield, where the speaker will be Ruth Dennigan.

All three meetings in 2018 will be joint meetings and the word 'synod' is being dropped, in future just being called Deanery Meetings.

The last two meeting dates are still to be confirmed.

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Rector

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Stoke Ash with Thwaite June Scott 01379 678926

Thorndon with Rishangles Tim Rowe 01449 766360
Assistant Warden John Stanley 01379 678003

Thornham Magna James Fawcett 01379 788130
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Christine Moore 01379 783226

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Yaxley Julian Moore 01379 788140
Assistant Wardens Pauline Smith 01379 783016
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Christine Moore

Yaxley church is open daily and at the back of the church there is a selection of books for sale. Donations please.

Ladies Benefice Breakfast - 2nd December 2017
Thorndon All Saints

We served 40 ladies and young ladies, a continental style breakfast - cereals, fruit etc. followed by smoked salmon, scrambled egg and toast. Preserves and marmalades were available with fruit juice and tea/coffee.

Very generous donations were received for the EACH charity amounting to £379.23p.

There was a Teddy Bear Raffle which raised £200.00, which will be sent to the Blossom Charity at Ipswich Hospital towards a new Breast Cancer Unit.

We all had an enjoyable morning.
Thank you for all your support.

With many thanks
Brenda

(John cooked 78 eggs !!!)

DATE FOR DIARY

The Woman's World Day of Prayer service will be held on
Friday 2nd March at St Mary's, Gislingham





South Hartismere Benefice Worship Rota – January 2018

Sunday 7th <i>The 1st Sunday of Epiphany</i> <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>		Wetheringsett	9.00am	CW Holy Communion
		Thorndon	9.15am	Café Church
		Gislingham	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
		Gislingham	12.00pm	Baptism
		Yaxley	4.00pm	Messy Church
				
Wednesday 10th		Mellis	6.00pm	Midweek Worship
Sunday 14th <i>The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>		Stoke Ash	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion
		Thorndon	10.30am	Morning Worship
		Yaxley	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
		Thornham Magna	10.45am	CW Holy Communion
Saturday 20th		Thorndon	4.45pm	Pizza 'n' Prayer
Sunday 21st <i>The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>		Gislingham	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion
		Gislingham	10.30am	Family Café Church
		Thornham Parva	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
		Wetheringsett	10.30am	Morning Worship
		Thorndon	6.00pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday 28th <i>The 4th Sunday of Epiphany</i>		Thornham Parva	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion
		Thorndon	9.15am	Café Communion
		Mellis	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
		Yaxley	10.30am	Morning Worship
		Wetheringsett	4.00pm	Messy Church
				
Wednesday 3rd		The Limes	11.15am	CW Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th		Yaxley House	11.00am	CW Holy Communion

BCP = Book of Common Prayer – said service

CW = Common Worship – with hymns

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