

Sancroft benefice service rota for May 2021

Week 1 Sunday 2nd Easter 5 Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8	w 9.30am 10.30am	Online Fressingfield	Worship for all Holy Communion
Week 2 Sunday 9th Easter 6 Acts 10:44-end John 15:9-17	w 9.30am 10.30am	Online Mendham	Worship for all Holy Communion
Thursday 13th	Ascension Day	Online	Cathedral
Week 3 Sunday 16th Easter 7 Acts 1:15-17, 21-end John 17:6-19	w 9.30am 10.30am	Online Stradbroke	Worship for all Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 23rd Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	r 8.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Withersdale Metfield Fressingfield	Holy Comm BCP Holy Communion family@church
Week 5 Sunday 30th Trinity Sunday Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	w 9.30am 10.30am	Online Weybread	Worship for all Holy Communion

Please don't forget our regular facebook Morning Prayers and Evening Prayers; live on facebook but you can watch later on Sancroft Benefice Churches.
Monday at 6pm - Evening Prayer.
Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10am - Morning Prayer.

Parish church contacts

Fressingfield Malcolm Wood on 01379 388981
Mendham Heather Lee 01379 588306, Dawn Dawson 01379 855440
Metfield Audrey Scriven on 01379 586741
Stradbroke Peter Chetwynd on 01379 384069
Weybread Paula Robinson on 01379 852110, Mike Nott on 01379 853889
Withersdale Revd Susan on 01379 388493



Sancroft Benefice Churches

www.sancroftbeneficechurches.org

comprising the parishes of
Fressingfield, Metfield,
Mendham, Stradbroke,
Weybread, Withersdale



May 2021 newsletter

Benefice meeting for everyone

At our meeting, now taking place in Fressingfield church, 7pm on Wednesday 26th May, I will be talking about local ministers, our parishes and ways forward, and the Church of England's vision for the 2020s. It was the Archbishop of York who worked with others to put the vision together. When he introduced it, he said he was almost embarrassed because it is so simple.....

The 3 theme words are - Simpler, Humbler, Bolder. The vision also says –

- God is calling us to re-centre our lives on Jesus Christ - a Jesus Christ centred church
- A church of prayer
- Jesus Christ shaped - shaped by the 5 marks of mission: which are the 5 marks of discipleship.

The five marks of mission came out of an Anglican Consultative Council in 1984 and have been the basis for a lot of training and thought in the church over past years. With that in mind, we are going to revisit them. In June and the first week of July we will be preaching on one of the marks each week. Here they are for you to ponder:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

I would be interested in any of your thoughts on these. **Revd Susan**

If you would like to speak to someone, please contact:

Revd Susan Loxton (Rector), 01379 388493, revloxton@gmail.com

Revd Peter Schwier (Assistant Priest), 07903 215889

Revd Gini Williams (Curate), 01379 586414, rev.giniwilliams@godsearth.co.uk

We had our annual meeting

(APCM) on 21st April, on Zoom, all the parishes together. We are delighted to welcome new church wardens at Fressingfield – Malcolm Wood Metfield – Audrey Scriven and Weybread – Mike Nott. So, thank you to them and also thank you to those who are continuing as church warden, Peter Chetwynd at Stradbroke, Paula Robinson at Weybread, and the 4 acting wardens at Mendham - Lesley Allen, Dawn Dawson, Heather Lee and Toby Hart. Also, thank you to those church wardens who stood down this year, for their excellent service - Anne Pickstock, Philip Eastgate, Marj Hudson and Judy Game.

Ascension Day

Thursday 13th May There is no specific service in the benefice but we recommend you watch the service from Bury Cathedral on their facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral>

All church benefice meeting on

Wednesday 26th May, 7pm in Fressingfield church, to discuss the way ahead for our churches and the benefice. (see front page)

All our churches are now open

daily for private prayer or visitors. Please continue to sanitise hands and wear a mask on entering. Thank you.



Thy Kingdom Come

13th to 23rd May Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As part of this global movement, people and churches of all kinds in Suffolk are praying. You can find simple ideas and resources for prayer to help you get involved on the Suffolk in Prayer Facebook group or the webpage <https://www.light-wave.org/thy-kingdom-come>. Prayer events will be scheduled each evening throughout the week for you to join, hosted by many different denominations.

Diocesan Synod

The time has come for elections to the Diocesan Synod – (A diocese is governed by a bishop acting with the advice and consent of representatives of the clergy and laity of the diocese; that is the Synod.) Any member of the electoral roll in our churches may apply. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Revd Susan to discuss further.

Book Club continues online

2pm on Thursdays 13th and 27th May, The Great Divorce by CS Lewis. Ask Revd Susan for the link if you need it.



Thank you for your continued donations of food and money to the Waveney Foodbank. The phone number for rural deliveries here has changed to 07749 179446. Also, the collection point in Fressingfield will change, from 15th May, to outside Revd Gini Williams' home, 4 Samuel Vince Road. Pat Williamson, who has been collecting supplies up to now, is leaving the village for pastures new.

Need Now!

Prayers please! 'Need Now' is a new social action project we have started, with the aim of enabling our communities across the benefice to provide help and support for people finding themselves in difficulty. Please pray that we make the right connections and build what is most needed in the months ahead. More news will follow..... Revd Gini



Christian Aid week 10th-16th May

If you would like to give to this year's Christian Aid appeal, you can go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> and donate, pick up an envelope from Mendham Church on 9th May or put money in an envelope with Christian Aid written on it and give it to Susan or Virginia and we will get it to Toby, Mendham's treasurer, to send off.

Doing your shopping online.....

can benefit Sancroft Benefice with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to you! Simply sign up and use it whenever you shop online. (There is a short cut activate donation button to help). Donations mount up, **£190.50** already, so please support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sancroftbeneficechurches>

Keep in touch with what's on.....

www.sancroftbeneficechurches.org

Benefice news

Paper copies in the churches or by email – Contact the benefice administrator, Virginia Skoyles, sancroftbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Benefice facebook pages:

***Sancroft benefice churches.**

***Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.**

Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help of any kind. Some contact details of people to talk to.....

Samaritans

- It's alright to ask for help

Tel: 116123

Refuge, against domestic violence

Tel: 0808 2000 247

ChildLine

Tel: 0800 1111

Waveney Foodbank

Tel: 07749 179446