

September 2023

### Church Services for September 2023

			LECTIONARY
Sunday 3rd	ł	Trinity 13	Trinity 13, Green
10.00am	Sibton	Benefice Holy Communion,	Exodus 3.1-15
		Harvest themed	Romans 12.9-21
			Matthew 16.21-28
Sunday 10th		Trinity 14	
09.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion (with Dunwich)	Trinity 14, Green
09.30am	Dunwich	Holy Communion (at Yoxford)	Exodus 12.1-14
09.30am	Westleton	Croissants@church	Romans 13.8-14
10.00am		Informal Worship	Matthew 18.15-20
11.00am	Darsham	Morning Prayer	
11.00am	Middleton	Morning Prayer	
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Prayer (BCP)	
11.00am	Theberton	Taizé	
Sunday 17th		Trinity 15	Trinity 15, Green
09.30am	Yoxford	family@church	Exodus 14.19-31
09.30am	Westleton	Holy Communion	Romans 14.1-12
09.30am	Theberton	Holy Communion (with Middleton)	Matthew 18.21-35
09.30am	Middleton	Holy Communion (at Theberton)	
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Worship	
11.00am	Peasenhall	Holy Communion (BCP)	
18.00pm	Darsham	Evensong	
Sunday 24th		Trinity 16	Trinity 16, Green
09.30am	Theberton	Holy Communion & Harvest Festival	Exodus 16.2-15
09.30am	Westleton	Informal Worship	Philippians 1.21-30
09.30am	Yoxford	Morning Prayer	Matthew 20.1-16
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Prayer	
11.00am	Middleton	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Worship – at the Methodist Chapel	
18.00pm	Sibton	Evensong	
Every Wed	nesday unless	stated:	
10.00am	Westleton	Holy Communion	

#### RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS



A few months ago, the final episode of *Endeavour* was aired. I had not kept up with this series over the years, so this prompted Sarah and me, over available evenings, to watch every episode from beginning to end, on catchup — and then to go and watch much of *Morse* as well. And the shock news is: *Endeavour* is better than *Morse*.

What really stood out was the dynamic of the relationship between Morse and Inspector Thursday — respect, camaraderie, trust, and occasional angry fallings out, too. Indeed, Endeavour has a strong ensemble cast around the lead, and most of the other main characters — Strange, Chief Supt Bright, Joan, Dorothea Frazil, Max DeBryn — have a personality and a story arc. We see Strange develop from uniform constable to future Superintendent. We see traditional authority figure Bright develop from an initial annoying hindrance to Morse to a leader of great integrity and personal bravery, with deep affection for his team.

And then there is the relationship with Joan — one we know must be doomed because of the desperate singleness of Morse in the John Thaw series. Nonetheless, we see the attraction, we ache for Morse's polite restraint and her failure to read the signals, and we wish things were otherwise, particularly as we reach the final episode.

*Morse* was always of its time — set in the late 80s and early 90s — and was un-self-aware in this sense. *Endeavour*, as a series, consciously looks back in time, and seeks to reflect the passing of time. We hear this in the music played in each episode, balancing Morse's classical inclination with the popular music of the time, but there is also reference to the wider world: the summer of love, the demonstrations and unrest of 1968, and the formation of Thames Valley Police are all featured. We also see this in the way that Endeavour disagrees at times with the methods of his mentor, Thursday. Policing is changing, and while they agree on their contempt for corruption, Thursday is still quite willing to use his fists.

Finally, the whole of *Endeavour*, from pilot to final episode had a narrative arc—the formation of Morse as a detective, the passing on of the baton, but also the resolving of corruption that is introduced straight away, and which rears its head time and again, especially in the Blenheim Vale story.

Just a television entertainment, perhaps, and not touching on the life of the church at all — but good art shapes our culture, and who we are, and *Endeavour* was some of the best television I have seen in a long time.

\*\*Blessings, Tim.\*\*

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Marriages

Michael Osborn to Emily Parry-Crooke on 15th July, at All Saints', Darsham Oliver Walker to Jodie Wood on 18th July, at St Peter's, Sibton Joseph De Sousa to Helena Miles on 5th August, at St Peter's, Yoxford

#### **Funerals**

Brian William Barber, aged 90 years, on Monday 17th July; at Holy Trinity, Middleton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Basil Wilfred Baker, aged 88 years, on Thursday 27th July; at Holy Trinity, Middleton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Anne Ellen Hamburger, aged 94 years, on Wednesday 2nd August; at Holy Trinity, Middleton, followed by burial in the churchyard,

Pauline Audrey Craig, aged 91 years, on Monday 14th August; at St Peter's Yoxford followed by cremation.

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday 11th September, 2pm, Westleton Village Hall Foyer.

Have you lost someone close in the last few years? This group is a safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss.

Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge.

More information from Revd Tim.

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Bishop Mike with his splendid silver crozier after leading a service at St James Dunwich on 13th August. The Dunwich Crozier, which was commissioned at the millennium, depicts the

'Dunwich Ship' in the arch of the crook and is embellished with locally collected amber. Bishop Mike also visited the Theberton dog show. Here he is with some of the winners.



#### THEOLOGY CORNER



#### The Law (part 2)

Last month I observed that to understand the Old Testament law it was important to read it in its context — being that it was written for a nation recently freed from slavery to Egypt, to reshape them into a nation closer to their God, and a better witness to that God's existence and goodness. This exodus nation was small, and once they were to enter the promised land, they would remain a small nation, never attaining the military might of Egypt, Assyria, or Babylon. The laws given are:

- partly about creating a just and fair society
- partly about governing the nature of their relationship with God, and
- partly about maintaining their distinctiveness.

Let us look at this each in turn.

#### **Justice**

The code of Hammurabi, a Babylonian legal code from a similar time, has some oddities. If a noble man should kill a man's daughter, it is not he who should die, but... his own daughter! There are many rules like this which show the startling inequality of Hammurabi's laws — slaves and women were property to this Babylonian king. By contrast, the Old Testament law contains much more of a sense of fairness — 'You shall do no murder' is a better law. Hammurabi's code includes 'an eye for an eye' — a sense that payback is fair. The Old Testament includes this, but not as licence for vengeance, but more in the vein of limiting that vengeance, and putting the punishment in the hands of independent justice. Further, there is compassion in the law: farmers are told not to reap to the corners of their fields, so that the poor who have nothing can reap from these.

#### Worship

Worship is encoded in great detail. Firstly, the portable worship space - the 'tabernacle' - is detailed, and then the sacrificial system. It often seems there are endless rivers of blood flowing — how awful! Context is important here. This law was written at a time when human sacrifice happened. It may even have been normative for the neighbouring nations. How do we know? Because later OT prophets accused the people of Israel of following these abhorrent practices. Where did they get the idea from? So the Old Testament code of worship is vastly

more humane than the other religions of the time, by refusing to countenance such a sacrifice. There were obligatory animal sacrifices, but these were relatively restricted. And most of the animals' meat would have been eaten by the people making the sacrifice, in a peace-making meal.

#### Distinctiveness

Caught up in the worship code was a system of ritual purity: holiness, cleanness and uncleanness. And part of that was the kosher food rules: you could eat lamb but not pork, fish but not prawns. I think there are two things going on here. Firstly, in hot climates without fridges some of these laws were sensible. Who hasn't had a dodgy tummy from eating shellfish? Secondly it was about creating distinctiveness — Israel needed to have a distinct identity and clear boundaries to make it harder for them, as a small nation lacking self-confidence, to stray from the faith. Different food, and men growing sideburns, created enough of a difference that it may have made them think twice before doing something beyond what the law permitted.

It is worth observing that while modern Jews maintain kashrut, the sacrificial laws passed away long ago. Even to the most orthodox Jew most of the laws were for a time and place. Even more so for Christianity, although there are conservative Christians who continue to hold Levitical law in high regard.

Now Jesus called himself the *fulfilment* of the law. What did he mean?

- 1. The Old Testament covenants defined a relationship between people and God that was later established more profoundly in Christ.
- 2. The Torah (i.e. the first five books of the Old Testament) told a story of a people coming into freedom under the watch of God. Jesus completed the story of freedom, in relationship with God.
- 3. Many of the laws were intended as *examples* of good behaviour but were frequently misread or misunderstood (as they still are). The best guide to good living was the imitation of a perfect example Jesus.
- 4. The laws were gracious and merciful by comparison with the codes of neighbour states, but could still tend towards profound injustice, which Jesus exposed through his mis-trial, death and resurrection. In this sense Jesus also fulfilled the darker aspects of any prohibitive and punitive legal code.

As in all these sketches of 'how to read the Bible', this is really just a beginning of how to make sense of the Old Testament law. Next month we'll have a look at prophets, and what they had to say.

Tim.

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#### SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE

#### Saturday 9th September 2023



Organised by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), this is an annual fundraising event which sees several thousand cyclists and walkers taking part in the annual fundraising event for the repair and upkeep of Suffolk churches. Participants get sponsors or donations for their journey around some of Suffolk's churches, choosing their own route, long or short. The money they raise helps save this wonderful part of our history, with half going to the Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the participants' chosen churches. 2023 is a landmark year as it is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Trust.

Local organisers and stop-off points in our benefice:

Darsham Church - Clive Beaumont - 07775 582310

Dunwich Church, Leper chapel & Monastery ruins - Joan Godfrey 648270

Middleton Church - David Burgess - 07795 292885

Peasenhall Church - Michael Thickett - 01728 660549

Peasenhall Methodist Chapel - Christine Cole - 01728 660075

Sibton Church - Jan Belton - 01728 660111

Theberton Church - Nicolas Cooper - 01728 635736

Westleton Church - David Blencowe - 01728 648566

Yoxford Church - Rosemary Draper - 01728 668536

Area Organiser: Greg Spray – gregspray5@gmail.com

A song – "Stand on the Faith", composed by Andrew Rayner - has been commissioned to mark the 50-year anniversary of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. You can watch it on Youtube, sung by children from Sexton's Manor Community Primary School in Bury St Edmunds. (Search "SHCT Stand on the Faith".) Well worth a listen.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

For a two week period beginning October 26th the 2023 RBL Poppy Appeal will take place in Yoxford, Dunwich, Darsham, Westleton and Middleton. We do not have enough volunteers to continue with house-to-house collections in all of those areas but do look out for poppy boxes in local shops, cafes and pubs.

If you are able to help at all, could you please contact me on either 07976 863034 or <a href="mailto:sheenatower@gmail.com">sheenatower@gmail.com</a>

Thank you.

#### PREPARING FOR NET-ZERO - by Greener Peasenhall & Sibton

If you are of a certain age, you probably had a dad like mine.

"Turn off the lights!", "Shut the door to keep the heat in the room", "Cold? Put an extra jumper on", "Shut the curtains and put that draught excluder up against the bottom of the door!"

Yes, they were loveable pioneers of saving energy in anticipation of expensive energy costs, and to help us achieve net-zero. We got used to ice on the inside of the (single glazed) Crittal windows and placing tomorrow's clothes under the bed quilt to stay warm. Well, really, I think it was just the relatively high cost of coal and electricity at the time that made them so careful!

And in the twenty-first century, now that we are facing expensive energy costs again, the older generation will **not** be surprised by adding another jumper, but the younger ones may be shocked.

'Green people' are suggesting we should give up our petrol/diesel cars, CH boilers and cookers, and invest in insulation, heat pumps and solar panels; and the government is responding with target dates for ending the sale of old technology which produces too much carbon. Whilst there is much emphasis on insulating roofs, walls and windows as a response to anticipated *colder* periods, you need to remember that the same techniques are appropriate to protecting us from excessively *hot* summers. Whilst some of the world's forests are burning, and the seas getting warmer, you should know that excessive heat is probably more





Tuesday 19th September St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Hoxne

10am - 1.30pm

#### North Suffolk Area Morning

Bring a packed lunch/Tea and Coffee provided

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#### mothers union



### I Chameleon Pop Up Shop

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#### 12th - 18th October

We are looking for china, glass, household items, fabric, books, pictures etc. to raise money for Mothers' Union projects to support families in the UK and abroad.

If you have any items you could donate, please contact Sue Norrington 01728 660280 dangerous, and kills more people, than cold winters. Medically speaking, there is not much defence for hot humid nights when you cannot sleep.



Preparation and knowledge can make us more resilient, and prompt us to make sensible choices in the coming decade before the targets kick in. Subscribing to the Greener Peasenhall and Sibton mailing list will keep you informed and give you advice. It's free – just email me at: <a href="mailto:greenpeasen@gmail.com">greenpeasen@gmail.com</a> to be included. [You don't have to live in P&S!].

You may not be so bothered about the future climate problems, but your children / grandchildren are – it will affect them.

Laurence Moss (See also Groundworks East online.)

### SING OUT!



### Join our COMMUNITY CHOIR for this area.

Whether you are new to singing, have sung in a choir before, or read music or not, all are welcome. We sing a wide range of music from pop to choral and musicals. We start our new term on Wednesday 6th September at St Peter's Church, Yoxford. Join us then or any Wednesday at 7.00pm. We hope to see you there, especially if you have a lower range singing voice: tenor / bass.

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#### **DARSHAM**

#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Here are some dates for the diary

8th September at 10.30 am, churchyard tidy. All help very welcome.

Light refreshments will be available.

6th October 10.00, church deep clean again. Help will be very welcome.

8th October, Harvest Festival. A service with hymns, songs and poems.

There will be a lunch afterwards at the village hall. If you wish to attend, please do contact Shirley Field or Jean Loverage.

#### What's on at Darsham Village Hall - September 2023

#### Classes & Clubs

<u>Sequence Dancing</u> – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1pm (contact Carol 01986 784642)

<u>Pilates</u> – every Thurs. 9.30 to 10.30am (contact Maria 07999 848655)

<u>Seated Exercise</u> – every Thurs. 11am to 12pm (contact Maria 07999 848655)

<u>Yoga</u> – every Fri 10.30 to 11.30am (contact Debbie 07906 346545)

<u>Table Tennis</u> – every Thurs. 7pm to 9pm (contact Alan Holland 01728 668451)

<u>Carpet Bowls</u> – Every Friday 2.30pm (contact Heather Shipp 01728 668251)

<u>Crafty Club</u> – Mon. 4th Sept - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

<u>Pétanque</u> – every Tues. 6pm (contact Ron Clark on 07423 399406)

<u>Dash Astro</u> – Sunday 10th September 7pm (Observing)

<u>Patchwork & Quilting</u> – Wed. 13th September - 9am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

<u>Darsham Dames</u> – Thursday 14th September 1pm (contact Annie McPhail on 07852 237389)

#### **Events and Meetings**

- Earth Dance Sunday 3rd September 9.15am
- Coffee Morning Saturday 9th September 10am
- Parish Council meeting Tuesday 12th September 7pm
- Horticultural Show Saturday 16th September 9.30am
- Majyk Scraps Exhibition see separate notice

#### Future dates for your diaries

- Film Nights start again on Saturday 14th October
- Race Night Saturday 25th November

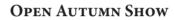
#### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW

Thank you to everyone who took part. Many congratulations to all our winners:

Norman Thompson Cup and Class 10 (Tray of vegetables) - Michael Shipp
Pemberton Challenge Cup – Michael Shipp and Chris Poupard
Hadley Challenge Bowl (Roses) – Sally and David Watson
Maj, Gen. JA Campbell Cup (Flower arranging) – Pauline Simons
Miss O'Connor Challenge Silver Rose Bowl (Domestic section)–
Janet King and Mary Flower
Best in Show – Chris Poupard



#### DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



#### 16th September 2023

Flowers, domestic and a children's section

Exhibits will be received between 9.30am and 10.30am; all exhibiters must leave by 10.45am.

Refreshments and viewing from 2.45pm

All welcome

Schedules will be available from Village Hall noticeboard and the stall outside Springfields.



Also, on the Darsham village website: <a href="www.darsham.onesuffolk.net">www.darsham.onesuffolk.net</a> Jill Fergusson, Show Secretary: <a href="jillfergusson2@gmail.com">jillfergusson2@gmail.com</a>.

### TEXTILE EXHIBITION BY MAJYK SCRAPS

23-24 September 2023 Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 10am-4pm Darsham Village Hall, IP17 3FA

Entrance £3

Raising funds for East Anglian Air Ambulance & Darsham Village Hall Refreshments, sales table, trader stalls & tombola

(SEE PHOTOS ON PAGE 32)

Further information contact <a href="mailto:

#### DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Darsham Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 8th August. The meeting was well-attended by members of the public. Cllr. Backhouse provided a summary of a useful walk-around meeting with Wayne Saunders, Suffolk County Council's Highways Liaison Officer. A number of measures will be explored and possibly pursued in an effort to mitigate traffic issues in the village. Parking continues to be problematic around the area of Fox Lane, Millfields, Greenside, and Priory Lane, and the council is working actively with residents to try to alleviate the issue.

Good progress has been made in setting up dedicated email addresses for each councillor, which will come into effect from 1 September. Cllrs. Ballantine and Green provided an update on the solar panel installation, which will be in full operation by the time this report is published. Cllr. Stanley reported that there is still one allotment available for rent. Cllr. Redgrave reported on her incredibly positive progress with pursuing additional permissive footpaths within the parish.

Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase a new noticeboard for All Saints' Church to replace the rather forlorn current board. This will be funded from Darsham's community infrastructure fund.

The parish council's next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm at Darsham Village Hall.

Iasmine Backhouse, Chair Darsham PC

### DARSHAM VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2023

There was a great turnout despite the weather and it was lovely to see so many people joining in, especially families and children of the village. There was fantastic support for all the activities and stalls – the children's fancy dress was very popular with some difficult choices for the judges. As always, the raffle was extremely busy with a super selection of prizes.

Customers bravely dodged the showers at the produce stall, the plants and flowers stall, the children's craft tent and the book stall, as did the dog show exhibitors. And the refreshments, whether they were the cafe, the bar or the BBQ, were all very well received; in fact, we think the draught beer sold out!

Once again, the Village Hall Committee would like to say thank you to all those who braved the elements to support the event - and here's hoping we will have good weather for next year.

John Meggison

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Angela Abell

#### News from Dunwich Heath

Well, the holidays are over, and despite all of the rain at the start of August it's turned out to be a pretty decent month and a bit! We had lots of children getting involved with the Summer of Play, whether that was through the nature play, getting stuck into trails, den building or bug hunting, or the loose parts, with several different takes on Snakes and Ladders, plus some entirely new games. Some might catch on, others take a little explaining! The wet weather also meant the heather that survived last year had a really good bloom, which is a great positive for the years ahead.

September is when most of our summer migrant species, such as sand martins, stone curlews and nightjars, start to think about heading down south again, and we'll often see those already underway from further north winging their way past. As if to mirror the change in wildlife, at the end of the month our ranger will be thinking about what level of conservation work to do over the winter. We should have the results of a survey investigating the volume of dead or alive heather back very soon, and that will then inform what he does. Until then it's wildlife surveys and bracken clearing, a never ending but necessary job!

Now the summer is over, at least for the breeding birds, dogs can be off the lead again, though please still keep them under close supervision. We don't want them running off into the undergrowth and disturbing the heathland birds. Looking further ahead, we'll start to see our winter migrant species arriving once the weather cools, so keep an eye out for hen harriers, crossbills and more, and keep an ear out for red deer bellowing as the rut gets underway in October...

Daniel Payne, National Trust

#### Coffee 4 U

Hope you've all enjoyed the summer! COFFEE 4 U will be starting again for the winter months on Thursday 28th of September in the reading room at 10:30am until 12:00. Hope to see you all there.

Heather Cook

#### **MIDDLETON**

### Manor House - Folk in the Garden

(Sunday 6th August) in aid of Bowel Cancer UK

A huuuuge thank you to everyone for the contributions to a wonderfully joyous afternoon garden concert with these super-talented musicians!

The Pimms and cakes tables were laden with goodies from so many of you - thank you so much. It added a delightful dimension to the whole occasion and made sure everyone had treats - despite the chilly winds!

The total fund-raising sum is a humungous.....

£3112.00 (so that's £3890 with all the Gift Aid additions)



You have ALL been so generous - those that were able to come on the day we know from all your lovely messages had a fabulous time ... and for those that sadly couldn't join us on the day but so kindly donated anyway - you can all feel very proud, as we do, to have been part of such a huge sum of funds that will inevitably make a difference to someone's life with regard to bowel cancer.

Fingers crossed, feedback suggests we should repeat this next year .... and the odds are with us for third time lucky to get a sunny summer's afternoon!!

Mandy & Steve

# PIANO CONCERT AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON 3pm Sunday 22nd October

Reiko Fujisawa is an internationally renowned concert pianist (see brief biography below and her website: <a href="https://www.reikofujisawa.com">www.reikofujisawa.com</a>) who, when work allows, lives

in Middleton. She has felt so welcomed both in the village and locally that she has offered to give a concert in Holy Trinity Church, Middleton at **3pm on Sunday October 22nd.** The concert will see music from Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Sarasate, and Reiko will perform with the renowned violinist Ofer Falk. Reiko is keen that tickets are offered locally first so we are initially only promoting



the concert via the Middleton newsletter and the *Yoxmere Fisherman*. We will be advertising further afield soon and we expect strong interest, so if you want to be sure of reserving a place for this very special occasion then do contact Paul asap.

Ticket prices are set simply to cover costs (not least hiring and moving a Steinway piano!) and will be available for just £15. These can be reserved by emailing Paul Taylor (from The Old Post Office, Middleton) on <a href="mailto:taylogmail.com">taylspaul@gmail.com</a>. Paul will then contact you with payment details. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

Reiko Fujisawa fuses the sensibilities of a musician raised in the Far East who trained in the West. She appears at prestigious venues and festivals all over the UK and overseas, and was a featured artist at the Japan 2001 Festival. Reiko has broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and her recordings include an acclaimed CD of music by Bach, Beethoven and Schubert, which The Arts Desk found "irresistible". Her recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations also received a glowing review from The Record Geijutsu, Japan's equivalent to The Gramophone, describing it as an "unpretentious, clean and refreshing performance with a refined dignity". Her most

recent project is "Nature & Music", a series of four chamber music programmes that focus on the tangible and spiritual aspects of nature and aim to inspire audiences to admire the beauty and importance of the natural world through music, and to think about our environment from a fresh perspective.

#### MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY WI NEWS

#### 20th September, 7.15pm in the Village Hall

Steve Everett will give a talk on "Red Deer"

All welcome

#### **PEASENHALL**

#### PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

It's been a busy few weeks at the Assembly Hall - our Summer Party, another Popup Pub, Quartetto Famiglia - but there's still more to look forward to.

#### Dates for your Diary:

Friday 1st September - Film night - doors open at 7:00, film starts at 7:30pm. If you aren't already subscribed to our email alerts, please send an email to: <a href="mailto:peasenhallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com">peasenhallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com</a>

Saturday 2nd September - Black Deek Band are back! Come along and experience their great vibe. The bar will be open! Admission is free. Doors open at 7:00pm.

Friday 15th September - Bingo! Doors open 6.30 - 9.45pm. Over-18s only, please.

Friday 29th September – **Pop-up Pub**. Remember we can take cash and card now! Doors open at 7:00pm.

Saturday 18th November – Makers' Market - 10am - 4pm. There are only a couple of tables left. If you are interested in having a stall please email: Theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

If you wish to keep updated with events and news of what's going on at the Assembly Hall, please subscribe to our newsletter. Just send an email with the title 'Newsletter' to <a href="mailto:Theassemblyhall19@gmail.com">Theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</a>

#### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH - URGENTLY NEEDED!

We need six volunteers to rejoin the community Speed Watch programme and redo the training. If you are concerned about the traffic issues in your village please get involved!

Please contact either the parish clerk or Zoë Horlock 07709 746167. Thank you.

#### GENTS' MEETINGS, PEASENHALL

The gents' meeting will be starting up again on Thursday, 7th September at the Methodist Chapel Hall in Peasenhall starting at 2.30pm.

The meetings take place every first and third Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome from across the area. Tea and cake are always provided and those attending are asked to contribute £2.50 to cover expenses at the hall.

You are guaranteed lively conversation and occasional talks on a variety of subjects. Why not come along and give this informal gathering a go?

For further information please contact Don Wellman on 01728 660443 or Chris Norrington on 01728 660280.

We look forward to seeing you.

#### PEASENHALL METHODIST CHURCH

Come and join us on Thursdays in our hall for an informal afternoon. Alternating with the Mens' Group and starting on September 14th from 2.00 to 3.30.

Meet for tea, cake and a chat. We hope to have books and jigsaws to borrow.

September dates - 14th and 28th.

All are very welcome.

#### **SIBTON**

#### AN AUTUMN FLING

On October 14th come along to Sibton Church for your vintage favourites performed at a 50s & 60s GIG by the popular tribute band Del & Jeremy & Stephen. The event runs from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. It will be the final social event of the season at St Peter's Church, Sibton (IP17 2NB).

Tickets will be on sale from the Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store before the event, priced at £10.00, also online at Eventbrite, <a href="www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a>. There will be a licensed bar selling beers, soft drinks and wine. Food will be by Cheryl's Suffolk Catering.

The event is organised by the Friends of St Peter's Church, Sibton, Registered Charity 1063822.

Andrew Campbell

#### **THEBERTON**

#### THEBERTON HAND BELL RINGERS

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#### ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE

This was held on Sunday 13th August, followed by a dog show and barbecue. It was well received, the sun shone, the food was delicious, and the dog show was great fun. We were delighted to have Bishop Mike join in the fun and give out the awards. Well done everyone!

On the right is Colin Harper with Percy the Golden Labrador who won Best in Show. See also photo on Page 5.

Tina Neal

#### JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 16th September, Theberton Village Hall, 11am - 1pm. Bric a brac, books, raffle, tombola, and refreshments are also available. For more details, please contact Sally Ginger on 01728 832386.



#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sat. 30th September, 10am - 2pm, in Theberton Village Hall. Come and enjoy some lovely refreshments and have a go on the grand raffle - all to raise money for such a great cause.

Michelle Moulton



#### LINE DANCING

Tuesdays 2.30-4pm in the Village Hall. Mixed ability group – newcomers made welcome. Great exercise!

#### **Quiz Night**

Saturday 14th October, 7pm, at Theberton Village Hall. Full details in next issue, but feel free to contact Sally in the meantime, again on 01728 832386.

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#### WESTLETON

#### REPAIRS AT ST PETER'S WESTLETON

Praise the Lord the rot hadn't spread under the pews as we feared.

Yes, our rotten floor has been repaired and the temporary centre aisle platform replaced with gradual ramps at both ends to enable access for all. Our very grateful thanks to Jonathan Alexander who as we write is building a cover over the exterior gulley, so the rain running off our thatched roof is directed away from the north nave wall. And we are ordering carpet to complete the job.

Next job is to repair the drive and provide disability parking. We just need to find the funds!

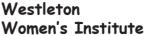
Jeremy Branch



#### WESTLETON 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST

1st prize: No 60, Philip and Jean Page 2nd prize: No 232, Roger C. Troke







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Westleton Village Hall

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#### WESTLETON WI

Due to unforeseeable circumstances, we were left without a speaker or entertainment for our last meeting but thanks to a very inventive committee and enthusiastic members we had a local quiz and snacks with wine all laid on. Do you know where in the village the pump is or the little monkey or the boat in the garden? None of us got full marks either for these questions but it has certainly made us more observant when we now move around our village.

For the September meeting the holidays will be over and we will be back to the more serious topics. John Shepherd will be speaking on "Climate change and what you can do about it". We know John as an interesting and knowledgeable speaker so will be looking forward to welcoming him. Remember that guests will, as always, be welcome at our meeting.

Just a reminder that on **16th September** we will be having our annual jumble sale (see advert on page 26) so please keep us in mind when you have your clear out, and keep the date open.

Also note our posters to Women of Westleton. We really need you and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Susanne Bennell

### Westleton Common Events September 2023



A **Nature Walk** will be held on **SATURDAY September 2nd** 10.30am - 12 noon (approx)

And a Working Party on SATURDAY September 16th 10am - 12.30pm

Refreshments at half time. Tools provided. Please bring your own tough gardening gloves.

For both these events please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.

NB: Some trees (marked with red paint) will be cut down by a contractor in the central woodland area during this autumn

#### Westleton Village Hall

We welcome back all the activities and groups who have had a break over the summer. To see our latest timetable of varied activities, events and groups please see the events page on our website: <a href="www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk">www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk</a> and join us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also pick up a copy of the monthly What's On in the Foyer, view it at the inside and outside hall notice boards, or contact Annie - Centre Manager - for more information or to go on our mailing list, on 01728 648354 centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk

A French conversation group for all abilities will be continuing in the Foyer on Friday afternoons 2-3pm weekly. For further information please contact Sue Evans on evans.sue-mark@wanadoo.fr or call 07946 365632.

Throughout September we will have a surprise **variety of art** donated to the hall for sale in the Foyer. All proceeds will go towards hall funds. Available for viewing and purchase when the Foyer is open 10am-12noon weekdays.

Consultation Room: We have a pet and human registered Physiotherapist Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). For further information contact her on 07821 055404. On Monday morning 11th September, Linda Freeman is offering Hairdressing in the morning. Contact her to book on 07765 971774. Thursday 28th September 9am-4.30pm we have Footcare with Susan from No Bad Feet. To book call her on 07497 371073. Reflexology is back on Saturday 30th September 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 <a href="https://www.julietoverton.co.uk">www.julietoverton.co.uk</a> The Foyer is open 10am-12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers.

The Flea Market is back on Sunday 1st October. 10am-3pm. Collectables, vintage, good quality pre-loved items and affordable antiques. Something for everyone! Refreshments will be available in the Foyer. 50p entry; under 16s free.

#### CARING FOR OUR CHURCHYARDS

In July Suffolk Wildlife Trust came to St Peter's Westleton for a day of exploring the importance of churchyards for wildlife. We learnt that managing our graveyards by emulating the way hay fields are cut can make a huge difference to our carbon footprint. Leaving some areas to grow long and cutting only once or twice a year, then removing the hay, will allow wildflowers to flourish. If volunteer labour is used, this can lead to financial savings and promote community involvement. Keeping path edges short, along with the grass around the most frequented graves, helps to keep things looking tidy, and some flowers such as meadow saxifrage prefer shorter grass.

Some of our churchyards still contain remnants of medieval grasslands which provide food and cover to wildlife. Returning swallows, swifts, and martins find food here as they come back to known feeding and nesting grounds year after year.

Meadows store carbon, as the soil is undisturbed. They are not just flower meadows but support a complex ecosystem of fungi, invertebrates and mammals - all part of God's creation for which Christians are called to care. Finding out what plants are in your churchyards and what animals live there is a good way to involve local enthusiasts and a step to managing our churchyards.

For advice, contact Cathy Smith at Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Or look at www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk and www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

Joyce Burtenshaw

#### WESTLETON GARDENERS

Our first autumn meeting is on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm in Westleton Village Hall and we have an interesting programme over the next six months. To kick off, Tim Fuller from the Plantsman's Preference Nursery, South Lopham, Diss, will be returning again to present a talk on 'Unexpected Hardy', tempting us with a range of plants that you wouldn't think are hardy.

We are a small friendly gardening club and do not have an annual membership subscription but a 'pay on the door' system with the fee at £4 each, and all are welcome. Please note the increase in price.

Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be time for chat and refreshments after the talk.

Any queries please contact Marilyn on 01728 649088.

#### WESTLETON WOMBLERS WALKS

#### Wednesday 6th September, 11am

Middleton footpaths. Meet at the Middleton Bell. 75-minute walk.

#### Tuesday 19th September, 2pm

Westleton Heath Nature Reserve and Westleton Common. Meet at Westleton Heath Nature Reserve car park, Dunwich Road. 90-minute walk.

#### Saturday 30th September, 11am

Dunwich, Greyfriars Wood, and Dunwich Heath. Meet at the Dunwich beach car park. 90-minute walk.





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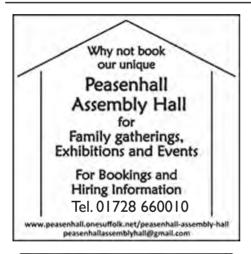


#### WRENTHAM CHAPEL

#### "Seedtime & Harvest"

Wrentham Chapel's "Seedtime & Harvest" Caedmon event takes place on Friday September 22nd at 7pm. This is part of our regular seasonal celebrations in music, word and song.

The evening's entertainment is a "bring and share" medley of items contributed by some of those attending. Once again, there will be a light buffet with wine and fruit juice to be enjoyed along with time to chat. There is no charge for this event but we will greatly appreciate any donations towards the work of Christian Aid. For further information, contact Sue on 07771 882738.









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