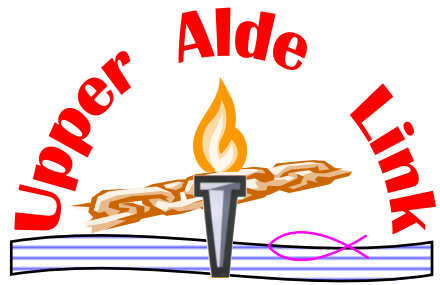


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Church News and Views for the Parishes
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Badingham Bruisyard Cransford Dennington Rendham & Sweffling

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Sunday 23rd August 12 th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30 am BCP Communion – St Michael's Rendham 11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Dennington 5pm Evensong – St Peter's Cransford
Sunday 30th August 13 th Sunday after Trinity Green	10am Benefice Service at St Mary's Dennington

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 6th September 14 th Sunday after Trinity Green	8am BCP Communion - St Mary's Dennington 9.30am BCP Communion – St Mary's Sweffling 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Peter's Bruisyard 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham
Sunday 13th September 15 th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30am BCP Communion – St Peter's Cransford 11am Harvest Festival – St Michael's Rendham 11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Dennington
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Sunday 27th September 17 th Sunday after Trinity Green	10am Holy Communion - St Michael's Rendham 5pm Harvest Festival at St Mary's Dennington

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From the Rector

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Together we are listening, is an initiative by the diocese to seek to refresh the Growing in God vision and strategy. Over the summer Bishop Joanne asks, that we ‘attune our hearts to God’s voice as we listen, discern and step into the future.’ Everyone is invited to take part in a survey (www.cofesuffolk.org) which will help Bishop Joanne and her team, to understand where we are as a church now – our gifts, our resources, our challenges and the opportunities ahead. Everyone in our parishes are encouraged to take part, so that the voices of churchgoers and non-churchgoers are listened to.

Over the summer we are encouraged to engage in a rhythm of prayer throughout the process of listening and discernment that will help shape not only the future strategy of the diocese but our own parish and benefice. Attuning our hearts in this way helps us to see what God is already doing in our benefice, in our life and helps to deepen our relationship with God.

I am reminded of the story of the Lord calling Samuel. One night when Samuel was staying with the elderly priest, Eli, he hears his name being called, and thinking it is Eli calling for help he responds, ‘Here I am’. But Eli hadn’t called him. Again Samuel heard his name called. When it happened a third time Eli realised it was the Lord calling the boy. So he suggested Samuel laid down again and waited for the Lord to call to him. The Lord did indeed call him by name and Samuel responded, Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. Samuel remained faithful to the Lord and all of Israel recognised him as a prophet of the Lord.

This shows that the practice of spending time discerning, waiting and listening to God is an ancient one that is still followed today. Discerning where in our midst God is working and how He is calling us to take part takes time. In April we agreed in Dennington to change, for a year, the pattern of services to Holy Communion to help us attune our hearts to God and to listen for the voice of God leading us. So the invitation from the Diocese to engage with the process of listening and praying has come at a very apt time and reminds us that it is important for the whole

benefice to discern how God is calling us at this time to be His church. All of this is ultimately about building up relationships – with God, with each other and with our communities.

The change of routine over the summer holidays gives time to ponder all this and to be intentional about spending time with God. Often we are not only too busy to listen to others, but also forget to listen to ourselves – what is important to us....when did we hear God calling to us.....where is He at work in our liveshow would we like to be church.....what encourages us in our faith? So many questions.....May I encourage you to participate in this process of listening and to fill in the survey by August 28th.

Enjoy the summer where ever you spend it and before we know it the holidays will be over, it will be back to school and the season of Harvest Festivals will be upon us.

With every blessing

Rev'd Claire

Summer Social Event

You are invited to a Benefice Get Together on Thursday 20th August 6-8pm

at Badingham Village Hall.

Finger buffet and drinks provided

It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if you could let me know if you are able to come.

revclairekiddy@gmail.com

A Presentation of **“Jesus’ Timeline On Earth”** is in Badingham Church. Open for all to see from 9am to 6 pm each day. Additional explanation is available from Victor 01728 638357



He was taught by his step-father to be a carpenter

FOOD BANK MEAL APPEAL.

School holidays are a time when the Local Foodbank comes under increased pressure, as children who receive free school meals are no longer able to access them and Families have to really struggle to make ends meet.

Whilst everyone is facing higher prices and greater demand on financial resources, if you could donate just one of the following items it would really help.

Tinned meat/ hot dogs

Tuna

Pasta sauce

Tinned vegetables/ potatoes

Squash

Biscuits

Jam/ peanut butter.

Anyone who claims assistance from the Foodbank will have been referred, and deemed

In need of support ,so your donations will be carefully allocated.

There is a collecting tub just inside the door at the top end of the Church, second door on the left past the Bookshop.

Thank you.

Cransford News

Karl Marx said “There will never be a revolution in Britain because football detracts from the class war.” Poor Karl. Someone else said “ Football is not a matter of life and death. It is far more important than that.” The England team shows that we are united and strengthened by being one of the most diverse societies in the world. . If Russia played cricket and China played



football, the world would be a safer place.

It has been one of the hottest and driest summers for many years. Already the combines are out and it looks like it will be a plentiful harvest. Apple and plum trees have a good set. Ready for autumn.

Please note churchyard cutting at St Peter's Cransford will be on Saturday 8th August at 2 pm Refreshments will be provided.

Patrick

CRANSFORD DOWN THE YEARS

Exhibition and film showing at St Peter's Church
11th and 12th September 2026

Request for items

Do you have any memorabilia of local life that we could borrow?

Photos, news clippings, scrap books, diaries, old clothing, agricultural and garden tools, cooking equipment, or anything else.

Please contact: Lucy McDowell mcdowelllucya@gmail.com or 07971 680336 to arrange collection.

We can scan or photograph precious items.

We look forward to seeing you at this celebration of life in Cransford.

Drinks and film preview Friday 11th September 18:30

Exhibition open Saturday 12th September 10:00 to 17:00

In Aid of St Peter's tower restoration.

Badingham

HARVEST FESTIVAL
BADINGHAM CHURCH
FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
7pm

Please join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving

The Service will be followed by refreshments

As in recent years our gifts will be in the form of tins and packets which will be taken to the food bank at Eye.

There is a box for food bank donations in the church.
All are welcome

HARVEST LUNCH
BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
12.30 / 1pm

Drink on arrival, main course and pudding
Followed by coffee / tea and a chance to move around and chat
Please let us know of any special dietary requirements

Tickets – Adults £12.50
18 and under Free
From Ann 638288 and Badingham Café.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU

OUR MID-SUMMER'S DAY CELEBRATION was a busy, happy occasion with many visitors able to enjoy our lovely churchyard, the various games, afternoon tea and Victor's ale as well as learning more about and caring for our hedgehogs, whilst listening to the music of Steve Keeble. Our sincere thanks to Steve, for his music and to Paula, from Prickles Hedgehog rescue, for coming to support us.

Many people also took the opportunity to come into the church and find about the repairs needed to the roof and how our application to The National Heritage Lottery Fund was progressing.

There were no charges at the event (apart from the ale), but your generous donations raised £212.10 towards the repair of our roof.

Thank you everyone who worked so hard to make the event happen and to everyone who came.

BADINGHAM CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

We are pleased to report that Badingham Church passed the Mid-Term Review of our Lottery application. It was a major event with



specialists from Heritage, our Quantity Surveyor, Architect, Rector, PCC members and Steering Group members present in the village hall as well as our Activity Consultant, NHLF Chief of Finance and his Personal Assistant joining us online. A multitude of documents had previously been sent to The Heritage. Passing the Review means that we can now apply to the National Heritage Lottery for the Delivery Phase (the money to do the repairs). The application still requires a lot of work between now and the application deadline of 6th August.

Please keep Alan and all the team in your prayers. We still need a miracle to help us meet the deadline!

We continue to be grateful to The National Heritage Lottery Fund and lottery players for their support.

The Fun Day will take place on Saturday 5th September from 1pm - 4pm, and will take place over 4 sites along Low Street - St John the Baptist Church, Badingham Community Cafe, The Village Hall and Badingham Bowls Club. At each venue there will be different activities for adults and children to enjoy including giant games, a 65 year old tractor and a nature trail at the church, delicious home bakes at the cafe, a licensed bar, barbecue, live music, craft stalls, tombola and raffle at the Village Hall, and Target Bowls for children and grown-ups at the Bowls Club. Linking all the venues will be a quiz trail.

Church Bookshop. August 8th 10.30-1 pm Stalls and coffee in the Churchyard. We will be selling lots of the more unusual and valuable Books that have been donated. We have Local History/ churches, Poetry and Art, a lot of signed/ first editions, interesting Authors, come and have a browse and a cup of coffee

Summer Messy Morning 10am - 12 noon on Thursday 6th August at St John's Church Badingham.

Join us for a morning of fun activities and crafts.

Suitable for children aged 5 - 11 years. Under 5s welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and to book please contact

Revd Claire 07469 718695 or revclairekiddy@gmail.com.

Messy Morning also at Dennington Church on Wednesday 12th August.

Sunday August 16th - a slight change from our usual pattern of services; we will have a service in the churchyard at 3pm with tea

afterwards instead of Holy Communion at 11am. Please make a note and join us at 3pm in Badingham Churchyard if you can
CHURCHYARD BIODIVERSITY/ QUIET SPACES PLAN.

The areas for Conservation and Wildlife have now been established in the Churchyard and are clearly marked. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this. Could we ask that Dogs are kept off these areas and also that people avoid walking through them. There is now no Bonfire/Waste site in the Churchyard and we are asking people to take their own waste home to recycle. Please don't bring garden waste from your own Garden into the Churchyard. Thank you The Bug house area in the far corner of the Churchyard now has a Hedgehog house and a water receptacle for any small thirsty creatures. It is proving very popular with Village Children who regularly come and check the water, and inspect for fresh inhabitants. We are hoping for even more Human visitors during the School Holidays.

Dennington

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Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride Saturday 12th September. Please contact Avril Palmer on 01728 638686 if you would like to take part or if you are able to help in the church recording cyclists. It really is great fun to either bike round and visit churches which we so often drive past without calling in, or to sit in the church for an hour and meet cyclists – or

walkers – from far and near.

Harvest Festival. This will be at **5.00 pm on Sunday 27th September**. It will be a family friendly service and everyone is very welcome. We are very lucky to have Jane van Tilborg playing the organ for us. Do bring along any produce – fresh or tins and packets – which will be taken to The Salvation Army in Woodbridge.

Harvest Supper 27th September This is being held in the **Village Hall** from 6.00 pm. There will be plenty of space and it is lovely to have a great community get together! All ages and everyone very welcome to come along. Tickets will be £15 per adult, £5.00 for children under 13 and free to under 5s. Please get tickets from Julie Steward on 07917 951622 or juliesteward@hotmail.co.uk

Quiz Night Friday 9th October at the Village Hall. £5.00 per person and teams of 4. Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 start. The bar will be open and all funds raised will go towards repairing the roof. Please contact Liz Pardey on 07866 689830 or email espardey@hotmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who helps to keep our church and the churchyard looking so beautiful. If you are walking your dog PLEASE remember to pick up any messes as it is extremely unpleasant for others to come across – especially for Jim when he is mowing or strimming.

.Bruisyard News

Our Strawberry tea afternoon at St Peter's on June 27th was well attended and a delightful way to spend the time with friends in the shade of the Lime trees and many thanks to all those who helped and visited the church, we made £270 .

Due to the hot weather the churchyard looks wonderful with all the dried grasses and flowers and many thanks to Richard Pawle for keeping the grounds around the church so tidy .

Rupert and Sally

Rendham

We had a very happy party to say thanks to Charles for all his hard work over the years. Thankfully he will continue to play the organ for us. His input into these reports will certainly be missed.

The annual summer fete was a great success with the weather being kind to us, both ice creams and the bbq did sterling business and the tea tent was kept busy all the time.

The bells have been ringing on Friday evenings with new people being initiated into the art. It is lovely to hear on a summer evening.

Our intrepid churchyard team have been hard at it keeping it looking good while still leaving some areas wild

On September 13th we will holding our harvest festival service in the morning followed by lunch in the village hall. All are welcome ! More details nearer the date.

Frances

Sweffling

SWEFFLING CHURCH AND VILLAGE FETE, August 15th, 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Townland Meadow, Sweffling IP17 2BL

Fun Dog show, Grand Draw, many stalls, sideshows, games, tractor rides, BBQ, teas, Pimms stall, bar, plenty of car parking, free entry.

A traditional Village Fete – come and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon!

Proceeds in aid of Sweffling Church and village activities.

RICHARD'S CONCERT, Saturday September 5th, 7.00 p.m. St. Mary's Church, Sweffling

Born and raised in Sweffling, Richard Stevens is returning from his studies at the Royal Northern College of Music with his beloved bass trombone, to perform a concert including works by Bach, Vaughan Williams and others. The concert will be followed by refreshments.

Donations in aid of St. Mary's church re-decoration Fund.

TAIZE SERVICE, Sweffling Church, Sunday September 13th, 6.30 p.m.

This will be the third in our series of Taize worship services. Everyone is welcome to this service of music and quiet reflection.



SUMMER MESSY MORNINGS

Thursday 6th August 10^{am}-12

at Badingham Church

Wednesday 12th August 10^{am}-12

at Dennington Church

Crafts -Sensory play-Food-Hunting trail-Games

To book:07469 718695 revclairekiddy@gmail.com

Children under 7 to be with an adult please.