

August 25th

Tenth after Trinity



Welcome to the
Services in our
Benefice

CONNECTIONS CHURCH
part of St John's Church family



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE TODAY

Sermon series: Who is my neighbour?

Christian love for ... prisoners

Hebrews 13: 1-8; Luke 4: 16-22a

- 9:30am St John's Holy Communion**
9.45am Connections, Saxmundham Primary School
11am Kelsale Holy Communion
6.30pm Carlton Church
open for prayer and meditation
6:30pm St.John's Evening Worship

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Fresh Expressions

... sounds like an herbal tea or the latest CD by Ludovico Einaudi but it is neither of these things. If you'd like to find out what it really is, reserve Saturday September 28th as a time when you can learn all about it from Canon Sally Gaze who will be visiting us on that day. This should be of particular interest to members of the PCC and Lay Elders, as well as the Connections team. More details to follow.

Choir Resumes!

We will have choir practice on Friday 20th September but not the following week, 27th (because I'm part of the drama group providing some entertainment at the Kelsale Harvest Supper). We will then resume practices on 5th October ad infinitum.... (Marjorie)

Column Inches

The Weekly Welcome Sheet has been presenting items organised so that dated Events are all together before Notices. This has been okay, but some items come in with a lot of "lead time" together with the request that they run every week up to the event date. This makes life

difficult when we have a busy week and are short of space. So, from now on, we're not going to batch Events and Notices separately, but will simply put new items in first. This will naturally mean that older items will fall to the bottom - and when we're short of space it will be the older items that fall off! So, keep an eye on your own notice! You are entirely free to resubmit your item (reworded, please, to make it fresh!) and when you do it will be treated as new and again go to the top of the heap.

HARPSICHORD RECITAL

St Peter's Church, Carlton

Sunday 8th September 3.00pm

Music by COUPERIN, RAMEAU, BACH, PURCELL, HANDEL, SCARLATTI and others played by Julian Larkin.

Donations towards the repair of the east window of the church.

The Last Woodwose

A new play written for the Wonderful Beast Theatre Company by Suffolk writer, Thea Smiley.

Facing extinction, the last Woodwose, a wild woman of the woods, tells the extraordinary story of her life through shape shifting, story-telling and magic.

The Last Woodwose weaves fact with fantasy in a magical, mythical tale illuminating the life-blood and wonders of the forest: the woodwose herself is its guardian.

Starring Hilary Greatorex, Rosalind Burt and Tim Fitzhigham with traditional songs and original music by Sylvia Hallett, directed by Alys Kuhl.

St John's Church, Saxmundham

Friday 13th September, 7.30pm

Tickets: £12 (£10 under 18s/students) available from

Eastern Angles: www.easternangles.co.uk or

01473 211498 (Mon-Fri 10-2)

Kelsale Harvest Supper - Friday 27th September

Another date for your diary! Come and enjoy a harvest supper with entertainment at Kelsale Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for supper at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 and available from Auriol Marson on 602217 or at michael@carltonrookery.com.

Book Club Revival - a real page turner!

Join us to discuss Paula Gooder's book: Phoebe a story, on Thursday 29th August at 2pm At the Crossroads, further information from Jill Stuchfield.

WHOLENESS AND HEALING IN ST.JOHN'S

St.John's has a trained team offering the pastoral ministry of wholeness and healing during Sunday morning services in the church. Two members of the team will listen to your own needs for physical, emotional or spiritual wholeness and healing and pray for you. Please come to the Swan chapel immediately after receiving Holy Communion or, after a non-Eucharistic service, to the prayer area under the nave-vestry window.

If you are wanting to join the new book club and would like to order a copy of the book (Paula Gooder's Phoebe – A story), please do so at the Church Shop. Support your local Christian bookshop (oh, and it's cheaper than a major online supplier!) Reduced from £8.99 to £7.50

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust



Ride & Stride - Saturday 14th September 700 Suffolk churches and chapels will be open on this day from 9am – 5pm to record your visit and offer refreshments. Fran Raven (01728 602907), David May (01728 602113) and Paul Hartley (01728 602281) have all the details and the sponsorship forms. There is also a website <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> where you can donate via the Just Giving link. We would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who can volunteer to sit in church for an hour or so on the day and sign forms.

Every Little Helps

Can you shop from time to time for one or two church friends who cannot do their own? Please contact Sue Potter (602177) or Chris Williams (831587) for more information.

And... it's thank you from us, and thank you from Him!

Thanks to all of you, as always. Why? Well it's great that you all serve in so many different ways. Much of this is behind the scenes, quietly and perhaps unnoticed by all but our God who sees the secret things. Well done! Some of the service, though, is in Services (HaHa), as we gather Sunday by Sunday to worship together and encourage each other in our shared faith.

Thank you, Elders - and everyone else - who help our Sundays run smoothly. It's about the "running smoothly" that prompted the electronic form I recently emailed. As rotas are issued they can easily run aground if it's not known when people are unavailable. The form is just a way for you servants to tell us about the Sundays that you need to keep free - and for whichever part of the Saint John's Church Family you prefer. If you're on the church email list and haven't had a link to the form I'll be glad to resend it if you let me know. Equally, if you didn't get round to doing it yet - it's not too late. Please give it a go. If it's well liked then we can keep it going... and you can visit the link at any time to make changes. One last thing, if you'd like to begin helping in some way, just volunteer through this form. As our Meerkat friends might say: "Simples. Eeek." (Adrian)

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich



... something from this week's Diocese eMail...

Exploring Church Planting

St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich IP1 1UQ
9, 16, 23 and 30 September 2019, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Four sessions exploring the WHY, WHAT, WHO and WHY behind Church Planting and helping you discover the steps you could take to turn your vision into action. Led by Archdeacon Rhiannon King and the Revd Canon Dave Gardner. These free sessions are designed to give everybody from the 'just curious' to the 'can't wait to get started!' a chance to understand the context for church planting historically and today; to hear how church plants have adapted the model in a variety of styles and traditions; to pray together; and to explore the part that we each may be called to play to reach new people in new places in new ways.

Registration and refreshments served from 7.00pm, sessions start at 7.30pm. Book your place at <https://exploring-church-planting.eventbrite.co.uk>. For more information contact Archdeacon Rhiannon at archdeacon.rhiannon@cofesuffolk.org or 07595 880584.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Continued prayer for Beth Selwood as she settles into a new routine at home.
- Prayer for people living away from home (university, care homes etc) who would normally have been members of our congregation.
- We know nothing about the person who has left a tent behind St John's church and we ask for prayer that they are safe and well.
- If you have a prayer request for the notice sheet please contact Chris Williams or Sue Potter.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

*New Sermon Series: A Church of Salt and Light ...
... a Scriptural Church
2 Timothy 3:10-17; Matthew 4:1-4*

9.45am St John's Family Service
11am Kelsale Holy Communion
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Note: the Website Rota contains full information about who is involved in these Services.

Please send your contributions for the next Weekly Welcome Sheet – and any prayer requests – to notices@saxstjohns.org.uk by noon on Thursday.

Need to Talk? Contact details for St John's church officers can be found on our Website www.saxstjohns.org.uk/contact-us/ ...and on the notice board in the church porch.