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## BENEFICE NEWS

### 30th August 2020

the benefice of saxmundham with kelsale-cum-carlton

# ONE CHURCH

## four congregations

St Peter, St Mary & St Peter, St John, Connections



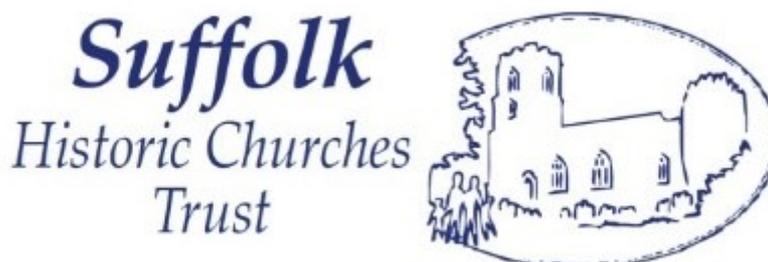
### Worship this Sunday

Anytime from 9am onwards you can share in the **Benefice Worship Service**, either through the [St John's YouTube channel](#) or the [St John's website](#).

Connections "**Live from the Lounge**" is back this Sunday - 10am via the [Connections Facebook page](#) or, later, the [Connections YouTube channel](#)

Our spoken **Communion Service** this week is at 10:30am in St John's, although the Coronavirus rules still apply- and don't forget -

**Unpacking the Word** zoom meeting  
at 6:30pm accessed through <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2907979571>



The SHCT annual sponsored ride and stride is going ahead next Saturday. It's not too late to sign up. For sponsorship and entry forms and all the other information which you will need please contact.

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Information is also available on the Suffolk Historic Churches website –  
[www.shct.org.uk](http://www.shct.org.uk)

Most churches will not be open but there will be a self-sign-in sheet outside or in a porch. Remember to take a pen!

Riders / Striders so far include:-

Elizabeth Masterson-Smith; David May; Roger Mills; Fran Raven; Carol Raymond

They would all welcome donations of sponsorship – however you can get it to them!

[Click here for Fran's "Just Giving" sponsorship page:](#)

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## Please Pray For...

- Auriol Marson for continuing recovery following her shoulder surgery
- Lesley Aldred's family following the death of her sister last weekend
- Jack Hague and Tony Gibbs as they continue their treatment
- Ron Howarth, that he continues to improve following the fitting of his pacemaker

- ... a lady not known to us – but a friend of a friend...  
"We sadly lost Zoe Wall last week .Please pray for her children, family and friends; she was a young mother attending church in Aberdeen

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Today's Readings for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12.1-14 & Matthew 26.17-29

## 'Do this in Remembrance of Me'

A summary of our Exodus reading from the 'Street Bible' ... "Moses tells the Israelis, 'Today's the start of a brand new calendar. Do the prep: sacrifice a perfect animal and daub its blood on the door frames of your houses. Eat a sacred meal: eat it with your shoes on, and eat it quick. God's passing over your heads, and you're out of here'. God's instructions continue (Exodus 12.12-14), 'Tonight I'm flying past your houses. I'll wipe out every firstborn – man or beast – but the blood on your door frames will be your insurance. I'll fly over your house, but no one's going to die – not if there's blood smeared around your door. For thousands of years to come your ancestors will take time off on National Flyby Festivals (Passover!) to retell the stories of what is about to happen.'" (Details in your regular bible!)

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew 26 the Passover is still being celebrated and Jesus instructs his disciples to find somewhere for them to keep the festival. The familiar tradition is radically transformed by Jesus. More from the 'Street Bible' ... "Jesus knows it's two days to the 'Flyby Festival'. He also knows he'll be betrayed and executed. Satan penetrates Jesus' inner team and enters Judas Iscariot's head to hand Jesus over to Caiphas, the top God-man.

At the meal Jesus makes a speech, 'It'll be my last meal before the torment starts, my last till God's world really arrives for good'. He picks up a wine cup, thanks his father for it and says, 'Pass this round, let's all drink from the same cup. This wine is the New Covenant sealed with my blood'. Then he takes the bread, thanks his father again and rips it into pieces and each of the team gets some. He says, 'This bread symbolises me, my body. It is to be ripped apart for you. I want you to re-enact this as a memory trigger. Don't forget me'."

Christians, never comprehending its full meaning, have been faithful to Jesus' command ever since. Holy Communion is one of the Sacraments of the Church ... an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible Grace. That is, we are not sure what it does but in faith believe that God works a miracle in us.

'Whenever you eat this bread and drink this wine do this in remembrance of me. Take

eat and be thankful Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith. Amen.'

Pam Peeling



**We're collecting donations!**

# BAGS OF HOPE

Help The Homeless  
in collaboration with  
St John's Church, Saxmundham

We're collecting the following for distribution to people who live on the streets:

*Small shampoos, Shower gels, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Sanitary products, Tissues, Notebooks & pens, Sweets, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, NEW Socks/Underwear.*

Drawstring bags will be available to buy for £1 from The Store & Sax Velo.

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS TO SAX'CESS HOUSE.**

[Click here to see the Lectionary readings for every day.](#)

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