

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

Sunday 18th July 2021 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to our service this morning. It is good to have you here.

For **NHS Test and Trace** purposes you are invited to give your details. There is no obligation to do this, but it is helpful for keeping each other safe. The easiest way is to use the NHS App on your phone on the QR code at the door.

Alternatively, you can fill in one of the forms. If you do this, your details will only be used for the purpose of Test and Trace and will be destroyed after 21 days.

Forthcoming Services

We are continuing our COVID secure pattern of worship for the next few months, and are holding the following services

July 18 th	10am	Tunstead
July 25 th	10am	Hoveton St John
August 1 st	10am	Wroxham
August 8 th	10am	Hoveton St John
August 15 th	10am	Tunstead
August 22 nd	10am	Wroxham

You, Lord, are in this place,
Your presence fills it.
Your presence is peace

You, Lord, are in my heart,
Your presence fills it.
Your presence is peace

You, Lord, are in my life,
Your presence fills it.
Your presence is peace

David Adam

For Home Communion, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact the Rector Revd Elizabeth Jump 01603 784150 rector@wroxhambenefice.org

For our Prayers

All those who ask for our prayers

Helen Dellar, Margaret Wheeler, Claire Firrell, Queenie Whayman, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bonnie Davies, Bob Shaw, Barbara Mowat, Christine Goodhew, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Lilian Pointer, Richard Wilson, Alan Chambers, Sheila Hurrell

All who have died recently

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

George Clark, Dennis Moodie

Deanery Prayer Calendar

19th – 25th July

- The Coastal Group of Parishes – Bacton; Happisburgh; Hempstead, Eccles and Lessingham; Ridlington; Sea Palling, Waxham; Walcott; Witton.
- Licensed Lay Ministers in the Deanery
- All on holiday over these next few weeks, and those who provide for them.

Wanted!



A small working party to clear the gulley round St. John's church. Working in pairs it should not take too long,
some lifting and carrying involved.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Sue on 01603783387 or email;

StJohns.PCCSecretary@wroxhambenefice.org

Any items for the news sheet can be sent to Liz by phone or by email. Please get them to me by Wednesday evening.

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COVID-19 - Where do we go from here?

Last week I explained that it would be difficult to know how we would move ahead until guidance from the Church of England was made available. That has now been published, but only late on Friday afternoon, and I have not yet had time to go through it fully. Rather than give you a rushed answer I will look at it properly in the next few days so that I can make informed decisions. For some this will be a long overdue move, for others a rather scary time. Please be kind.

I can tell you the following.

- While restrictions have been lifted, we are being encouraged to move forward with caution, especially given the rising numbers of cases.
- The responsibility for making decisions about how to proceed lies with the incumbent. This applies to acts of worship, and events run by the PCC or church. Hence my need to read the guidance closely.
- A risk assessment will need to be carried out to assess what the different needs are in each church regarding safe ways of moving forward.

Singing

I know this is the main question people have – can we sing?

The answer legally now is yes, though again we are being encouraged to be cautious. Next Sunday I suggest we try singing but to keep this as safe as possible in the short term, I suggest we continue to keep socially distanced, and sing two hymns, at the beginning and the end of the service. I hope that will make it feel safer for those who are more worried, but please do let me know if you find it challenging.

My first priority is your safety, so please bear with me as I work this through.

Liz

St Benet's Abbey Service

Sunday 1st August 3.30pm

The Abbey of St Benet's was never officially dissolved during the suppression of the monasteries under Henry VIII – the only example of this in the country- and each year an open-



air service is held in commemoration and thanksgiving at the ruins.

The Bishop of Norfolk is the Abbot and the Vicar of nearby Horning is the Prior of St Benet's and together they hold an ecumenical service at which all are welcome to attend. The officiating clergy arrive by Norfolk Wherry (the site is easiest approached by river) to meet the Brothers of St Benet's, and members of a variety of local churches. It's held on the first Sunday in August.

You are encouraged to join in this service, but do note - Tina Clinch, the Convenor for the Community of St Benet's Abbey writes – *I have been in discussion with Norfolk Archeological Trust regarding parking on the day. They are not happy about parking on the site and sought advice from Heritage England.*

The following has been agreed

Public parking is in fields and therefore on an uneven surface. Cars displaying a Blue Badge may be allowed to park on the Abbey site depending on conditions.

There will be stewards on the day who can carry chairs etc from the Gatehouse to the Cross. Those who have difficulty walking will be able to park in the field near to the Gatehouse. I realise this could be an issue for some people but we have to abide by NAT's wishes.

St Benet's Abbey
St Benet's Road (off Hall Common Road)
Ludham
NR29 5NU

Collect and Readings

COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2:11-end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of

the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34, 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power
of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.