

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

17th September 2023 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

During this service there will be times when we suggest that you stand. These are simply our traditions, and you are welcome to stay seated if you prefer, or find this easier. The most important thing is that you feel welcome and are comfortable.

Services

Sept 17 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Morning Worship
Sept 24 th	10am	Wroxham	Harvest Communion
October 1 st	10am	Hoveton St John	Harvest Service
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Belaugh	Harvest Service
October 8 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
	6pm	Tunstead	Harvest Service

Hymns

87 Colours of day

14 All heaven declares

39 As the deer pants for the water

336 Mine eyes have seen the glory

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, Claire Firrell, Queenie Whayman, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bonnie Davies, Bob Shaw, Christine Goodhew, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Lilian Pointer, Richard Wilson, Edward Minster, Mark, Carole Tims, Janet Faircloth, Carol

All who have died recently

Graham Bailey, Alan Webster

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Barbara Buxton, Humphry Saunders, James Avis,
Joan Draper, Irene Main

Prayer for the Parishes

Will take place at the Vicarage at 6pm this Tuesday for half an hour.

This is a time of quiet prayer with music and silence, held in the framework of Celtic Evening Prayer from The Northumbria Community

Coffee, Cake and Conversation – Journalling the Psalms

Our next session is on October 5th, when we will be looking at Psalm 22. Do have a word with Liz if you would like to come along.

Coffee Morning at Hoveton St Peter

on Wed 27th September at 10.30am .

Delicious cakes , raffle , jigsaws and books .

A very warm welcome to our very little church .

St. Mary's Church Wroxham Concert

IT'S A MUSICAL WORLD

(Songs from the Shows)

by The Silvertones on Friday 27th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include refreshments

from Carole Stone 784240 & Linda Whitefoot 783376.

Hoveton St John Church - News

From the PCC

We hope you have noticed the work recently completed to address the cracking in the East Wall and to prepare the new addition to the churchyard for consecration which we hope will happen in spring next year. Most noticeable are the new lights which provide more light for less cost and are essentially maintenance free. They add to the atmosphere during worship and are able to be dimmed to suit the type of service being held.

Next on the list is to fit a modern heating system to replace the current under-pew heating which is hugely expensive to run and does little to heat the church. Removing the old heaters gives us the opportunity to think about removing the pews and this is what the PCC is now considering. Replacing the pews with modern and stackable chairs would allow the church to be used for a wider range of activities and services than at present and taken with the new upgraded sound and new lighting and heating systems will make a real change to the look and feel of the church. Some might ask why change? At present we are a shrinking church, collecting less than half of what we need to pay our share and run the church. The upgrades being considered will allow the church to be seen by our community as a place they want to come to and make use of.

Situations Vacant!

We are currently without a Treasurer at Tunstead, and will also need to fill the same role at Wroxham following the next APCM. Are you able to help? Neither is an onerous role, and there is support available from the current post holders and from the Diocese.

Come Ye Thankful People, Come!

Our Harvest Festivals will take place over the next few weeks, when we will give thanks to God for all the goodness we receive. As a sign of our thanks and praise we are going to be collecting for the Food Bank. In the last year the use of food banks has gone up hugely as people struggle in the current economic climate, and there have been occasions where the food bank has run out of food.

The list of what is currently needed is below, please give if you can.

Tinned fish
Tinned meat
Rice pudding
Custard
Long life milk
Tinned fruit
Tinned tomatoes
Pasta sauce
Sponge puddings
Biscuits
Soup
Chocolate
Breakfast bars
Jam
Peanut butter
Crisps
Nappies size 6/7
Instant mash potato

Harvest Services confirmed to date....

24 th Sept	10am	Wroxham	Harvest Communion
1 st October	10am	Hoveton St John	Harvest Service
1 st October	6pm	Belaugh	Harvest Service
8 th October	6pm	Tunstead	Harvest Service

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 50.15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 14.1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that

they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 18.21–35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I

will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.