

TOGETHER

Summer 2022

June to August
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Helmingham, Debenham

Framsden, Kenton

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DEBENHAM & HELMINGHAM

From the Curate

At the beginning of June, the church enters the long season of what we call ‘ordinary time’ which will see us through summer and autumn. After the wonder of Christmas, the solemnity of Lent, the darkness of Good Friday, the joy of Easter and the fire of Pentecost, it is now just...ordinary. It does seem a little strange to have a dedicated time of ordinariness, a kind of default season with no particular theme. But that is how life is too—we have highs and lows, but a lot of the time, things just tick along. For many people living through suffering, stress or sorrow, for those living with the effects of Covid, for those fleeing war, ordinary is what they yearn for. You may have heard of the traditional Chinese curse, “may you live in interesting times”—with the unspoken flipside of that, which we can presume would be given as a blessing, “may you live in ordinary times”.

But ordinary time isn’t about nothing happening. The colour we use in church for the season is green—a colour of life and growth. Although times of challenge and change in our lives do cause us to learn and grow, we also need times of rest, of quietness and ordinariness for the slow and steady rooting of our lives in God, and growth as Christian disciples. Ordinary time isn’t a time to stop, but a time to steadily attend to the daily necessities of our lives of faith.

May we all live in ordinary times.

Tracey James

BENEFICE

To receive regular Benefice News by email, contact Rev Susan with your email address at revsusanbates@icloud.com. It includes information and photos of recent events, news of future events and services. There is also a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/debenhamandhelmingham with lots of news and photos.

ASPELL

Strawberry Tea Sunday 26th June 2-4pm

At Aspell Hall Gardens, IP14 6PD

Tickets £5, including strawberries and cream-children free (Tickets available from R&G Webster, 50 High Street, Debenham).

All funds raised in aid of Aspell Church. See the poster on page 5.

Picture Sale Saturday 1st October at Dove Cottage, Debenham.

A once in a lifetime chance to sell those pictures which you have enjoyed but would like to change. Come along, sell your picture and buy a fresh one.

A commission of 25% will be charged for each sale or just donate your picture to Aspell Church..

Contact Jean Ward (01728 860121) for further details.

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services

June, July and August

1st Sunday of the month	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church
2nd Sunday of the month	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Framsden	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Helmingham	Communion /MP
		Pettaugh	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
3rd Sunday of the month	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Framsden	Holy Communion
		Kenton	Morning Prayer
4th Sunday of the month	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer
5th Sunday of the month	9.30am	TBA	Benefice Service

HELMINGHAM

Helmingham Hall Drinks and Canapes Friday 3rd June

Edward and Sophie Tollemache invite you to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee holiday with drinks in the garden at Helmingham Hall. Please join us for drinks and canapés from 6.30-8.30pm on Friday 3rd June. Tickets are £12 with all proceeds going to St Mary's Church Helmingham.

For tickets and further details please contact Sue Haskins at office@helmingham.com or 01473 890 363.

Helmingham Primary School & Nursery

The whole school took part in World Book Day in March with teachers joining in



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

SATURDAY 4th JUNE
DEBENHAM CHURCH
OUTSIDE DOVE COTTAGE
FROM 2.00pm



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STRAWBERRY TEA at ASPALL HALL GARDENS



SUNDAY 26th JUNE
2.00-4.00pm

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with the children and our Deputy Head, Tom Hardy, dressing as Mrs Punchbowl from Matilda!

Our three classes – Eagles, Foxes and Hedgehogs joined together for a super day in April which saw the older children helping the younger ones in their tasks. Everyone particularly enjoyed learning to paint using a pointillism style to create rainbows (using dots to fill in coloured areas).

We have dressed in yellow/blue for the day to raise monies for the Ukraine appeal and to understand what some of the children our ages will be experiencing.

Eagles class have been enjoying swimming lessons this term and it is amazing how the children have come along. On the last swimming session this term they were able to get round the whole pool and the achievement on their faces was magic. They are now getting ready for their end of term residential with great excitement.

Our after school clubs have been well supported from Wildlife Club, Gardening Club, Cookery Club, Mindfulness, Sports, Dance, Creative Writing, Arts and Craft. Encouraging children to have a go at something different. It is an important part of our enrichment programme running 3.30 – 4.30 available to all the school. These run alongside ‘wrap-a-around’ care for any families that need a later pick up time. A breakfast club is also in place that helps with early drop offs.

Hedgehogs Nursery Class is based in the old School House building attached to the main school. Here children can attend from 3 years old and it offers free flow outdoor education. With a wonderful garden which we will utilise fully in the Summer term. Our Fridays always end with Hedgehogs going up into the woods for a walk or forest style activities – rope swings, water slides, creative mud use!

If you would like to come and visit us then please give the school a ring on 01473 890267 or email us on office.helmingham@gfpschools.org. Visit our Facebook page Helmingham Primary School & Nursery to see photos of where we are and what we get up to.



JUNE 17/18/19
ST MARY'S
DEBENHAM

FRI 17th: 10.30am-8.00pm

SAT 18th: 10.30am-7.00pm

SUN 19th: 11.00am-4.00pm

(music and drinks FRI 6.00pm-8.00pm)

www.stmarysartex.org.uk

A poem written by one of our year 6 pupils –

Spring's time to Shine

Blossom trees have budded

The daffodils are blooming

It's snowing no more

Winter has passed

*The trees are dancing under
the warm sun*

*The birds are singing to the
warm sun*

*The clouds are swimming in
the sky*

Say hello to Springtime.

By Nevaeh Morgan

FRAMSDEN

Framsden Woodland Group

It has been lovely to hold spring work parties this year and to see the woodland bursting back into growth. We have moved the picnic table nearer the glade and seeded the vacant space with wildflowers.

The annual plant sale will be held at the village hall on **Sunday 12th June**.

Charlotte_framsdenwoodlandgroup@gmail.com

Framsden Village Hall

A management committee has been set up, as a sub-committee of the Parish Council, to take responsibility for managing the village hall. It currently consists of one councillor and 3 other volunteers and is able to take decisions more quickly meaning the improvement work to the hall is well under way.

Recent improvements have included installing new dimmable, low energy lighting and other minor electrical work. The garden has been enhanced with donated benches and a community garden sign on the gate. People are most welcome to visit the garden at any time.

In February the Parish Council held a successful village curry lunch to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee and a Queen Elizabeth II rose was planted in the garden.



PARISH
CAFE

every Wednesday
from 2nd February 2022
10 am-12 noon, Dove Cottage

Pop in for a cuppa, cake and chat
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To book the village hall contact Charlotte at framsdenvillagehallbookings@gmail.com. Other enquiries framsdenvh@gmail.com

Framsden Jubilee Tractor Run and Framsdens Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Vintage Vehicle and Tractor Run

All Welcome

Sunday 5 June 2022

Venue: Hill Farm, Framsdens, Suffolk IP14 6HA

Start time: 11am

By kind permission of Lord Tollemache

Route: Framsdens, Helmingham & Framsdens

Entries Close Saturday 28 May 2022. No Entries On The Day

Entry Fee: Donation On The Day

Entry Secretary: lori.eaton@btinternet.com

Please note, due to livestock no dogs will be allowed

KENTON

Saturday 5 June Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Bring a picnic and blanket. Come and help celebrate this momentous event at Kenton Church between 2 and 4pm. Tea and cakes available. All proceeds to church funds. *If weather is inclement, the event will be held inside the lovely church.*

PETTAUGH

The Marvellous Marmalade competition was held on the 2nd April in Dove Cottage. There were a good number of entries for all three classes. The event was well attended by many who enjoyed conversations over a cup of tea or coffee, with something to eat. There was a wonderful array of cakes and savouries to buy, which quickly disappeared. The morning included a raffle and a bric-a-brac sale. There was also a raffle of a beautiful chocolate cake which had been made and donated. The event raised £230 towards the upkeep of Pettaugh church, with ever ongoing repairs needed for this ancient building.

Our Easter Sunday Service was well attended with the Holy Communion service being taken by the Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney. The church had been beautifully decorated with mostly spring garden flowers and it was a lovely sunny day. A short service of meditation had been held on Easter Saturday led by Veda Berriman. A peaceful, short, reflective time.

The last few months have brought a mixture of weather from the storm Eunice which sadly brought down a wooden trellis from the Church Bell Tower. Cur-

rently awaiting repair work. Then Spring has been teasing us with a lot of hot sunny days interspersed with some cooler reminders. We are definitely, lacking rain which is badly needed for not only the crops, but also, the planting of our home grown vegetables.

Congratulations to Tony Thornton of the former “Pettaugh Bull” who reached the grand age of 98 in April.

On Saturday 23rd April the ashes of the late Pat Boyes were interned to join the ashes of her late husband Canon Rev. David Boyes in the enclosed Garden of Remembrance. A family group and friends gathered to give a fond farewell. Pat’s husband David had been brought up in the Rectory when his father Rev. Percy Boyes was appointed rector of Pettaugh and Winston in 1934 - 1945. It was always David’s wish to come back to the village of his happiest childhood memories.

We were very sorry to learn that Val Hughes passed away peacefully on the 1st April at the age of 75, after a long illness. Val was renowned as a very strong character, always willing to help others. Our thoughts are with her husband Gordon and their family.

During and since Covid the Church and meadow have become a regular walk for many, either with, or without dogs. Please look out for the lovely wild flower areas which have been voluntarily nurtured by Franceys over the years. These should be at their best in the next few months.

We are pleased to note that the “Rural Coffee Caravan” will be calling again at St Catherine’s Church, Pettaugh. The visits will be 10am to 12pm on the following Wednesdays—4th May, 6th July, 7th September. All welcome to share free refreshments and a social chat.

DEBENHAM

Parish Café

Every Wednesday from 2nd February, 10am to 12 noon. Hot drinks, cake and chat. See the poster on page 7.

Family@church

On the first Sunday of each month, 9.30am breakfast, 10am service.

In February we welcomed Bishop Martin to our service all about fishing. Members of the Open the Book team and some of our young people acted out the Bible reading in Open the Book style. There were interactive (fishy) prayers and crafts too. March’s service looked at Ash Wednesday: why *is* there Ash Wednesday? In April, following Mother’s Day, Melissa Naish from Homes for Good:Suffolk talked about her organisation’s work with fostering and adoption (see article on page 12).

May’s Rogation Service was at 2 Fields, Debenham featuring refreshments at Debenham Shed, walks around the fields to bless the crops and animals, includ-

ing about a dozen newborn lambs. About 50 people, including seven under 18, toured the agroforestry, the sheep and lambs, the plantation featuring fruit and nut trees and the ponds, while our Curate Tracey James led prayers and liturgy. Unfortunately the little pigs had not arrived yet.

June's family@church will be on the theme of "jubilee" (the Old Testament says quite a lot about jubilees). July's service will be about baptism, then in August it will be about Jesus at the beach. These themes are provisional, however. Look out for posters or updates in Susan's Benefice News emails, or Debenham Parish Magazine.

Family at church themes may well be the Jubilee, Baptism and Jesus at the Beach—but they haven't been confirmed yet.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Saturday 4th June outside Dove Cottage, from 2pm. See the poster on page 4.

Debenham Jubilee Street Party

Sunday 5th June 2-7pm. Join us on the High Street. Bring an afternoon picnic and a chair and enjoy an afternoon of good old fashioned entertainment and get together with friends and neighbours. For more information and to book your space at the street go to www.debenham.onesuffolk.net/jubilee.

Debfest Jubilee Special

Saturday 11 June, from noon to 10pm on the Debenham Leisure Centre field. More details on Facebook @debfest2022.

Art Exhibition June 17/18/19

To coincide with Debenham Open Gardens. See the poster on page 6. Entries from young people are welcome.

Debenham Open Gardens

Sunday 19th June, 1pm to 5pm. In aid of the Debenham Project and Debenham parish church, the church or Websters Newsagents. Refreshments at Dove Cottage and 36 Gracechurch Street (see programme). Tickets £5 (children free) available in advance from Websters Newsagents or on sale on the day from the church gate or Dove Cottage. Donations of plants for sale are welcome.

Ukrainian Appeal and Coffee Morning, 9 April 2022

The conflict in Ukraine has touched the hearts of most people in the UK. Debenham is no different, and we have had a wonderful response to the various appeals that have been launched across the country.

Debenham PCC, on behalf of the Benefice, launched a giving page <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/e3894d40-461d-4c4a-93a1-cb151a13c2c4> (or scan the QR



code on the next page) which has to date (up to 21 April 2022) raised £3,124.70 (this includes £478 which came directly from a fund-raising event at Framsdén church) and all of which will be sent to the Bishop's Ukrainian Appeal fund at the diocese. This in turn is destined for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) where the money will be used to directly support Ukrainian refugees.

On Saturday 9 April 2022, Debenham hosted a 'Ukrainian Coffee Morning' at Dove Cottage, in Debenham High Street. There were stalls and a lavish draw with prizes generously donated by many of the businesses in Debenham.

The Draw, Cake stall, Tombola and Craft stalls all had a very busy morning. The teas, coffees and cakes sold and consumed on the morning were, as usual, a resounding success, with very little left at the end of the session.

The remaining crafts and tombola prizes were sold off after the Sunday morning church service in Debenham, which boosted the overall takings for the event to an amazing £1,227.85.

We therefore raised a grand total of £4,352.55 for the Ukrainian appeal.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Debenham Parochial Church Council

Debenham Library

The Friends of Debenham Library will be holding a

HEAVY METAL DAY

on **Saturday 30th July**, from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

when we will be collecting your scrap metal at Debenham Primary School.

Avoid that trip to the dump and do your bit for the planet by recycling your scrap metal – start saving it now. The money raised will be divided between Debenham Library and the Primary School

We need any unwanted, predominantly metal items, including old white goods (not fridges or freezers), kitchen utensils, pots and pans, metal furniture, cars or car parts, bikes, garden tools, pipes, wiring (even with plastic insulation), clean food and drinks cans, etc. Please keep aluminium, copper, stainless steel, lead and brass items separate if possible as they are worth more that way.

Unfortunately we cannot accept gas cylinders, televisions, fridges or freezers, or items that do not contain any metal.

Please can you bring your metal items between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on the day to Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School, Debenham, where you will be directed towards skips and areas designated for different metals. Volunteers will be ready to help you offload.

If you have any large or heavy items that you can't bring to the school without help, please contact us in advance and we will try to assist.

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Suffolk Libraries: Mobile Library Routes (every 4 weeks)

Aspall Church, Thursdays 1145-1210 (please note times have changed)

Debenham, Gracechurch Street/Henry Street Thursdays 1115-1145

Framsden Village Hall, Thursdays 1400-1415

Pettaugh, Old Bull, Fridays 1535-1555

Helmingham and Kenton are no longer listed

See www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/mobile-libraries for more information.

Debenham Shed

Our AGM will be held at 4pm after a normal Shed session on Friday 27 May. This will be followed by a barbecue—all welcome (except dogs, unfortunately).

We will have a stall at DebFest on Saturday 11 June, showing what we're up to and selling some surplus tools and other items.

We meet on Friday afternoons from 2-5pm. Just turn up if you'd like to join in or have a look. It is hoped to run additional sessions on another weekday and possibly at weekends at some time in the future; please let us know if this would be attractive to you, and what days/times you would prefer, at chairman@debenhamshed.org.uk.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). Affiliated to UK Men's Sheds Association. Debenham Shed Officers: Les Wright 07793 470694, Bernard Rose 07538 974119, Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our website at www.debenhamshed.org.uk, where you can sign up to our newsletters on the Contact page. Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed.



WINSTON

We now have a small car park at the church and schoolroom. Many thanks to Kate and everyone who made this possible.

Thank you to the parish council for organising the litter prick in early April and to all who 'picked'.

The Easter Sunday service was well attended, and thank you to Graham Noble for taking it.

A very small band of helpers usually meet on the 1st Sunday of the month to clear leaves, pick up sticks etc in the churchyard. If you are able to spare maybe an hour they would love to see you; meet approx. 10am or whenever you can. Thank you.

The primroses have been amazing in the churchyard.

Hopefully by the time you read this the church will have been redecorated. Thank you to Tony Pollard for researching grants etc. to help fund this.

The Annual Winston Fete should take place on Saturday 10th September. All the usual games, white elephant, Tombola, Grand Draw etc and refreshments, 2-4pm in and around the schoolroom.

Home for Good: Suffolk

As a local charity, we'd like to thank St Mary Magdalene at Debenham for the opportunity to share our work during their Sunday service on 3rd April.

With 40,000 children coming into the UK care system every year there is always a need for more foster carers and adopters to step forward to and open their homes and help providing a safe a nurturing place for babies, children and teenagers to call home.

Home for Good is a national Christian charity set up to respond to this social need. It believes the church is well placed to find loving homes for these children and to support families who step up to care for them.

Home for Good: Suffolk is local, connected to Home for Good but operates under registered charity Transforming Futures-Suffolk (No.1169250) We here to promote this need through Suffolk churches and provide local opportunities for all those in providing foster care, adoption or special guardianship to connect through coffee groups, play sessions and holiday activities. Last month with had the joy of providing 4 Easter parties and bowling/laser activities at venues throughout Suffolk for 70 children.

We'd love to share what we do further so here is how you can help

- Invite us to your church to share more
- Help host a fundraising event – We are hoping to host lots of small events this June/July
- Tell those you know about us – especially if you know carers who could benefit from our groups and activities
- Would like to know more about fostering or adoption – please make contact
- Pray for us – our seasonal pray points can be found on we Facebook page,



Scan here to sign up for our new and prayer point via email.

Melissa Naish – Coordinator

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Framsden village	www.framsden.org.uk
Winston website and PC	www.winston.onesuffolk.net/parish-council
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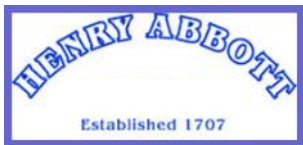
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