

TOGETHER

Autumn 2024

September to November
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Helmingham
Debenham



Framsden

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Winston
Kenton, Aspall



THE BENEFICE OF
DEBENHAM & HELMINGHAM

Reflection by Rev'd Susan Taylor

How often have you looked for something and it is there right in front of you all the time. Like your glasses which turn out to be on the top of your head. My favourite is the car keys which I always put in the same pocket of my bag, so I go into a panic when I can't find them there, tip everything out, only to find them there all along, but hiding between other things.

There is the saying isn't there, that we can't see the wood for the trees? Sometimes even though something is so obvious, we still manage not to see it... perhaps, at times, because we don't want to.

In the Bible the prophet Isaiah tells his people that signs of God's presence are writ large, just look around. The rising of the sun, it comes up in the east and sets in the west. It always has! Look at how light and darkness are organised. Isaiah proclaims, 'For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens' and then, in brackets, he says 'he is God!'... 'he did not create chaos'. God made heaven and earth with such an amazing interconnectedness and order; the turning of the earth, its journey around the sun; night and day; rain and sun... the list of examples is very long! God created this amazing and beautiful world to be lived on and in and with. Just look around you, says Isaiah, it is obvious that there is God.

And Jesus said the same sort of thing to John the Baptist's disciples. When asked about if Jesus was really the Messiah, he said simply, 'tell of what you have seen and heard: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good news'. That was then, of course, when Jesus was doing all these things, but guess what... and all these things happen today. We put it down to advances in medicine: people have devices connected into their brains to help them see and hear again; hearts which have stopped are started again; global poverty is on the decline. It is easy to think these are because of human advances, because of how clever we are... But I think they are signs of a deeply loving God who wills us to be better, who sends God's own Spirit to give us the ability to help each other and gives us the desire to do so. I think there are signs of our God all around us all the time... right before our eyes and yet so often we wonder where is God.

Quiet Day at Crow's Hall, Saturday 14 September: Creation

10am to 4pm at Crow's Hall, Debenham, IP14 6NG. The theme is creation and it will be led by Archdeacon Rich. Meet with worship, three reflections during the day and end with eucharist. Bring your own lunch and a suggested donation of £10. Contact Rev Susan 01728 86022 or revsusantaylor@icloud.com to book or for more details.

Bishop movements

Bishop Martin is retiring in February 2025, and a meeting was held in July to give suggestions as to the sort of person we might be looking for in our next Diocesan

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services September

Sunday 1st September	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church
Sunday 8th September	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Helmingham	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th September	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
		Debenham	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Framsden	Harvest Festival
		Pettaugh	Holy Communion
		Kenton	Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer	
Sunday 22nd September	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Harvest Festival
		Pettaugh	Harvest Festival
Sunday 29th September	8.00am	Pettaugh	Benefice Communion

Bishop. Bishop Mike will also be leaving us. Dr Mike Harrison, Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich, will be the 72nd Bishop of Exeter. His last Sunday in Suffolk will be on September 29th and he will be installed at Exeter Cathedral during the autumn. See www.cofesuffolk.org/news/bishop-of-dunwich-to-be-next-bishop-of-exeter.php for more details.

ASPALL

Our Strawberry Tea was held in the lovely walled garden at Aspall Hall on Sunday 30th June. Although the sun didn't shine for us this year, the amount of support we received from so many people was wonderful. The splendid sum of £1,610 was raised for Church funds. Special thanks go to Barry and Dale Chevallier Guild for allowing us to use their garden, to everyone who helped with gazebos and stalls, to the Classic Car Society and the Toads Choir who kindly entertained us as a special tribute to Peter Pink. We hope to see everyone next year when we will endeavour

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FRAMSDEN

The Framsden Greyhound.

The villagers of Framsden have bought their local pub. We are in the process of raising money to complete the refurbishment.



Our first event was Saturday

3rd August 6-9 pm: Pop up pub with cash bar at the Framsden Greyhound.

AGM on Thursday 5th September, 7pm at the Village Hall.

Then **Friday 20th September** a **Silent**

Disco from 19:30.

If you'd like to own a slice of our Classic English Pub our Share Prospectus can be found on our website www.framsdengreyhound.co.uk or on our Facebook page: search for The Framsden Greyhound.

PETTAUGH

So far this summer, indeed this year's weather, has proved very different. Farmers found it hard to sow seed in the wet spring, and as a result less wheat has been grown. The alternative crops that have been sown have done well and already many have been harvested.

During the past few months we have sadly had several bereavements in the village. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the friends and relatives who have lost their loved ones. We also have several residents who have been unwell recently, and we wish them better health as they recover.

I don't know whether Pettaugh residents had noticed the increase in HGV's travelling to and from Debenham via the A1120 and Debenham Way, both day and night. This was a result of the suggested ban of HGVs through Eye from May 2023. In May 2024, it was announced that Suffolk CC have lifted the lorry ban in Eye. As part of the consultation process, it had become very clear that the scheme was having a detrimental impact elsewhere due to a significant increase in HGV

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services October

Sunday 6th October	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church Harvest
Sunday 13th October	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Helmingham	Harvest Festival
Sunday 20th October		Framsden	Holy Communion
	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Framsden	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Pettaugh	Harvest Festival
Sunday 27th October		Kenton	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer

traffic in surrounding villages, including Debenham, Hoxne and Stradbroke. Feedback was overwhelmingly negative with regard to road safety and traffic surveys backed up the consultation findings. The roads are a little quieter, but sadly many vehicles, of all types, continue to speed through Pettaugh.

On another traffic issue, it should be noted that the eroding embankment repairs will be taking place along the Aspall road out of Debenham from Tuesday 30 July to Friday 30 August. The road will be closed during that period, excluding Bank Holiday Monday 26 August. Diversions will be in place, so watch out for those yellow and red signs, "Diversion!", "Road Ahead Closed!".

Note from editor: for the authoritative information on roadworks etc, go to www.one.network. No account needed, but if you register you can look at specific dates and other features are available. I use it every time I drive out of Debenham for outings!

Dates for the diary:-

11th September - **Helmingham Hall Drinks** in aid of Helmingham Church 6.30-8.30pm Tickets £12 (01473 890364)

14th September - **Annual Ride & Stride** for Suffolk Historic Churches. Contact Ruth Crane 01473890526 for details and sponsorship forms.

14th September - **Quiet Day at Crows Hall** 10am to 4pm. Led by Archdeacon

Rich on a theme of Creation. £10 donation. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. (see page 2)

20th September - **Autumn Supper** - A three course meal to be held at Moat Farm £15pp donation to St Catherine funds. Please book with Rita Denyer 01473 890263.

22nd September - **Harvest Service** at St Catherine. Family Service at 11.00am.

29th September - **Benefice Service** to be held at St Catherine, Pettaugh at 10.00am.

10th November - **Remembrance Service** at St Catherine, Pettaugh at 9.30am.

The **Annual Ride & Stride for Suffolk Historic Churches will be held on Saturday 14th September**. Anyone wishing to take part can contact our local organiser, Ruth Crane (01473 890526) for details and sponsorship forms.

WINSTON

A warm Winston welcome to Lilly, Jake and Dominic at Church Cottage.

After the storm just before 2pm on Saturday 15th June the sun shone and we had people come and support our lovely traditional Fete. We have so many “thank yous” so in no particular order: to those people who visited us after the storm and all seem to enjoy themselves, to everyone who helped with preparation, site clearance, bunting, marquee, posters, notice boards, cake makers etc. etc., to Emma for bringing Panda the goat, to Simon and friends for the Classic Tractors, music from Kevin and friends from Stand and Deliver “on the road”. Thank you to everyone who willingly purchased draw tickets, mainly from Sandra. (Sorry to those who missed out, we will order more next year), by word of mouth, telephone sales, text etc. A lot of the money raised comes from pre-fete draw ticket sales. (Thank you Bob for checking and folding them all.) A very big thank you for all the donations of draw prizes, mainly by local businesses, which were given so willingly and generously. The total raise for the Church and Schoolroom was just over £2,000—amazing considering the weather at the start. Thank you all once again; I apologise if I’ve forgotten anyone.

We were blessed with lovely weather for the Black Barn Singers concert *A Joyous Journey Through Music* in the church on Sunday 14th July. As well as the singer we were treated to three brilliant solo performances by Ben King. Thanks also to Julie for playing the electric piano, assisted by her daughter Jasmine. The money raised, £400, was given to the Debenham Project and a £40 donation to Winston Church.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored Ride and Stride is on Saturday 14th September, 9am to 5pm. You are sponsored for each place of worship you visit, or given a donation, and half the money goes to SHCT and half to your nominated place of worship. For more details and sponsorship forms please contact Kate 01728 861004.

The **Pet Service** takes place on **Sunday 14th September**, time to be confirmed, in

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services November

Sunday 3rd November	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church
Sunday 10th November	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Pettaugh	Service of Remembrance
	10.45am	Debenham	Service of Remembrance
	10.55am	Winston	Service of Remembrance
		Helmingham	Service of Remembrance
		Framsden	Service of Remembrance
Sunday 17th November	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Framsden	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Pettaugh	Holy Communion
		Kenton	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
Sunday 24th November	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer

the church. All pets and their owners will be very welcome. Please do join us even if you don't have a pet.

The **Harvest Festival** takes place on **Sunday 22nd September** at 11am, combined with Holy Communion. We are asking again this year, please, for donations of **tins and packets** etc. which will be given to a local food bank. Thank you.

Please note, the Sunday Evening Prayer in October should be the last before the dark nights of winter. The service should resume again in April. More details in the Winter magazine.

Sandra and Livvy are to do their door to door collections for the Poppy Appeal in November. They would be very grateful for your support and to have money ready when they call. The Remembrance Service starts at 10.55am at the war memorial.

Sandra

HELMINGHAM

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Stella Parmenter and Dean Turner who were married at Helmingham Church on Saturday 20th July. The service was taken by Stella's grandmother Revd Deidre Parmenter,

Helmingham Summer Drinks Edward and Sophie Tollemache invite you to join them for summer drinks and canapés in the garden at Helmingham Hall on Wednesday 11th September from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

£12 in aid of St Mary's Church, Helmingham. Please book tickets in advance by contacting Sue Haskins on office@helmingham.com or 01473 890 363.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored Ride and Stride event will be held on Saturday 14th September. Anyone wishing to take part can contact Dr Peter Haas on 07747 046858.

Helmingham Primary School & Nursery

We ended our Summer term full of educational visits, school productions, test results and all manner of exciting activities for the children. The school was buzzing with energy and positive enthusiasm.

A whole school outing to Wyvernwood encouraged creativity and allowed the children to really demonstrate their understanding of our learning characteristics. These children showed a real curiosity about the environment and were able to interact with the characters on site (professional actors) – the Sea Captain, Merlin, Warrior Princess, Goblin, Fairy and Unicorns (yes Unicorns!)

Hedgehogs Class (Nursery & Reception) took trips to Framlingham Castle where they explored the battlements and linked their learning from in the Classroom – finishing off the day with ice-creams. Another castle visit this time 'Castle on the Hill' in Debenham where they also visited the Library and had a fantastic time with the Librarians reading us stories, helping us to scan books and inviting us to take part in the Summer challenge. Foxes class (KS1) visited Norwich & Eye Castle and were able to experience the workings of a real drawbridge at Helmingham Hall.

Eagles class (KS2) have been involved with the joint schools production of The Wizard of Oz and the Head Teacher commented "I love that the most quiet members of our schools are able to perform as part of a big group, take a risk and step out of their comfort zone and absolutely shine."

We have had a visit from a local falconry "Birds and Beyond", who brought along some fabulous birds of prey. Children were curious and asked lots of questions before getting to hold the different birds.

Mr Hopkinson organised a fantastic Sports Day, the sun shone and everyone had an opportunity to challenge themselves and were rewarded with parents & pupils clapping and cheering. At lunch time our Head Teacher, Miss Hawes, shared information about the learning characteristics and how we help the children learn and develop these skills in school. We then all joined together for a picnic on the field before planting an apple tree gifted to us from one of our flood refugees who spent a night in our school!

The new term will see us celebrating Harvest in Framsdon Church and later a

Christmas Nativity – the times and dates will be on Facebook and posters, do please join us.

If you would like to come and visit us – see our Outdoor Classroom and Forest Schools in operation then please give us a call, we would love to show you around. 01473 890267 or email us on office. helmingham@gfpschools.org.

Some creative pictures from Eagles Class to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.



DEBENHAM

Day of the Debfest

Saturday 7th September The third Debfest is at Debenham Primary School this year. For further details see www.facebook.com/debfestcrew or contact debenham-fest@outlook.com. St Mary Magdalene Church will have a stall to raise money for the church. Bric-a-brac and other contributions much appreciated, to Rev Susan Taylor.

Big Charity Jumble Sale

At Debenham church, **Saturday 21st September** from 10am-12noon. Tea/coffee/cakes in Dove Cottage. In aid of Ipswich Hospital Cancer Well-being Fund. Contact Bridget on 07881 861620. Jumble drop-off at church between 2-7pm on Friday 20th September or by prior arrangement. Please ensure all jumble is clean and ready for sale.

St Mary Magdalene Christmas Market

Saturday 7th December, 1-4pm at Debenham church.

Parish Pantry

Every Wednesday morning, 10am to 11am in the church. Collect a bag of groceries for £3.50.

Parish Café

Every Wednesday, 10am to 12 noon in Dove Cottage. Hot drinks, cake and chat, for a donation only.

Family@church

A family friendly service for the young and not so young. On the first Sunday of each month, 9.30am breakfast, 10am service.

September theme - Creation: Fluffy, furry, feathered friends welcome.

October theme - Harvest - exploring the story of Ruth

November theme - Remembrance - Love your Enemies and the story of the Good Samaritan

Waveney Foodbank

A collection box for Waveney Foodbank is in the church porch. Debenham Co-op also has a box for collections (Stowmarket Foodbank).

Meet up Mondays

10am-2pm in Dove Cottage. Lots of activities including jigsaw puzzle exchange, refreshments, games, crafts and books. Dogs welcome. Sponsored by Debenham Parish Council.

Debenham Green Team

At DebFest (see page 9) we will be launching Debenham Community Nature Reserve, inviting residents to set aside a small area of their garden for wildlife.

On the first Saturday of each month, outside The Lion from 9am-11am, we collect Tetrapak cartons, plastic flower pots and contact lens packaging, as well as the items below. We have containers for pens, dental products and corks, at the back of the church. Also old candles for recycling. Join the mailing list at debenham-greenteam@gmail.com or look at the website www.debenhamfuture.com. See the events coming up at www.facebook.com/DebenhamGreenTeam, or www.debenham.onesuffolk.net/debenham-green-team for basic information.

Debenham History Society

See <https://thedenhamarchive.net> for the current series of programmes, as well as an extensive archive of information, photographs, publications, etc and to join their mailing list.

Debenham Shed

Men's Sheds tend to operate in villages, towns or areas for easy access, but people can be excluded because they live in rural areas. Mobile Sheds are taking the shed

to them. Debenham Shed are supporting Alan Page with the recently launched **Suffolk Mobile Shed**, operating in conjunction with the Rural Coffee Caravan (see page 12). They have been operating in Mellis for several months. Alan brought flat pack bird boxes to the Memorial Hall for people to assemble and take. At Hartismere Day Care Centre men enjoyed constructing small projects such as bird boxes and door signs. Debenham Shed are prefabricating some wooden projects for them. We recently made twelve hedgehog boxes for Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue, and hope to host a family day for making boxes in conjunction with the Debenham Green Team.

Further Craft Days for 2024 are scheduled as follows, on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Please book in advance at events@debenhamshed.org.uk or telephone contacts below.

- 14 September: Shed Coffee Morning (Open Day) and Tie Dye.
- 12 October: Pumpkin Craft and Autumn Chandeliers
- 9 November: Christmas Crafts, Card Making on Laptops
- 14 December: TBA

For more details look at our website (see details below: look for Events and Projects)

What is Debenham Shed? A place to make things by yourself, with guidance or with others. It could be in metal, cloth, wood or plastic. We have lots of tools and sourcing materials. You may want to repair or make new—the limit is your imagination. It is also for social connecting and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. Debenham shed is open to all.

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Debenham, Gracechurch Street/Henry Street Thursdays 1115-1145

Framsden Village Hall, Thursdays 1400-1415

Pettaugh, Old Bull, Fridays 1535-1555

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Visits to December in this area are as follows:

Framsdon Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00 on: 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December

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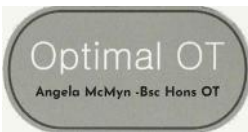

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Film nights are normally on the second Saturday of each month. Contact Tony Hutt (tony@tonyhutt.co.uk) for more details and to be included in the mailing list. Unfortunately the July films had to be cancelled owing to the lack of advance bookings and a shortage of people to run the event.



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