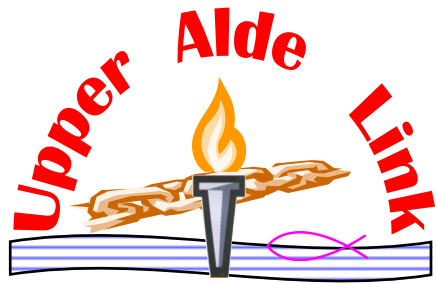


# April May 2025



**Jesus washes the feet of his disciples**

Church News and Views for the Parishes  
of  
Badingham Bruisyard Cransford Dennington Rendham & Sweffling

# Sunday Services in April

<b>6 th April</b> <b>Lent 5</b> <b>Passiontide begins</b>	<b>8am BCP Communion @ Dennington</b> <b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Sweffling</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Bruisyard</b> <b>11am Holy Communion @ Badingham</b>
<b>13th April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Cransford</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Rendham</b> <b>11am Holy Communion @ Dennington</b>
<b>20th April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Bruisyard</b> <b>9.30 Festival Service &amp; Memorial Lilies @ Sweffling</b> <b>11am Holy Communion @ Badingham</b> <b>5pm Easter Thanksgiving @ Rendham</b>
<b>27th April</b> <b>Easter 2</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Rendham</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Cransford</b> <b>11am Morning Prayer @ Dennington</b> <b>6.30pm Taize Service @ Sweffling</b>

# Sunday Services in May

<b>Sunday 4 th May</b> <b>Easter 3</b>	<b>8am BCP Communion @ Dennington</b> <b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Sweffling</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Bruisyard</b> <b>11am Holy Communion @ Badingham</b>
<b>Sunday 11th May</b> <b>Easter 4</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Cransford</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Rendham</b> <b>11am Holy Communion @ Dennington</b>
<b>Sunday 18 th May</b> <b>Easter 5</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Bruisyard</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Sweffling</b> <b>11am Holy Communion @ Badingham</b>
<b>Sunday 25 th May</b> <b>Easter 6</b>	<b>9.30am BCP Communion @ Rendham</b> <b>9.30am Morning Prayer @ Cransford</b> <b>2.30pm Rogation Walk Dennington</b>

# April May 2025

The Rev. Claire Kiddy, [revclairekiddy@gmail.com](mailto:revclairekiddy@gmail.com), Tel: 07469 718695

Today the sun is shining, the birds are singing and daffodil buds are opening to reveal their golden trumpets. I hope the same can be said when you read this in April! Spring really does seem to lift the spirit, days are longer and signs of new life are everywhere.

Lent mirrors rather well the season of winter turning to spring. We begin Lent with a reminder of our own mortality, that we are here just for a season and that to enjoy the life to come we are reliant on God. So Lent begins in quite a dark, bare place, rather like winter, but transformation takes place through Lenten disciplines, and new life emerges in us. Turning our focus towards God, the Creator of all that is reminds us of the part we play in his creation and the consequences of our sinfulness.

Humankind failed to believe that Jesus came to turn people back into a right relationship with God. After three years of ministry on earth, in a time of political turmoil, fear, and disbelief Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. Good Friday the darkest of days, but out of it new life burst from the tomb, Jesus overcame death and rose to new life, bringing resurrection life and hope for all who turn to him. This light and life we see bursting forth in the season of spring. The celebration of Easter lasts right up until Pentecost/Whitsun which this year is June 1<sup>st</sup>, so plenty of time to enjoy Easter eggs!

I appreciate not everyone will be celebrating the Christian festival of Easter but I suspect, if the sun is shining during the Easter weekend, people will be full of the joys of spring. The warmer weather and longer days mean we can all enjoy the great outdoors, and how lucky we are to have the beautiful Suffolk countryside on our doorstep.

Revd Claire





## Dennington Primary School will be 150 Years Old

### Let's Celebrate!

Pupils past and present, staff, volunteers and of course everyone is invited to our celebration event at the school on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** from **11am – 3pm**.

There will be lots to see and do including:

- An exhibition of all archive pictures, memorabilia, log-books, attendance registers and punishment records!
- A gallery of children's artwork on the theme of our village.
- A children's carousel and swing boats (free of charge for all children)
- Punch and Judy
- Mini train rides
- Maypole dancing
- Stalls
- BBQ



Thank you to all companies who have made donations through the school office. We have set up a [crowdfunding page](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/150-dennington-school) to raise money for a new library.

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## **Bruisyard News**

The electoral roll is being renewed this year. Anyone who is baptized and lives in the village or who has worshipped regularly at St Peters' regularly during the last six months, is entitled to be on it. It gives members the right to vote in the annual parochial meeting. A notice giving details of the roll are on the porch notice board. This year's is on 8th May at 6pm in the church.

If you would like to become a member please contact Sally Wilton on 638393. Those who have already received a renewal form, please deliver it to Oak Barn Farm before 22nd April.

Improvements to the Hare Chapel is about to begin and should take two months to complete.

The Churchyard looks wonderful at present, the Daffodils really are in abundance and a sure sign that Spring is here .

Happy Easter to everyone.

Rupert and Sally

## **Badingham**

### **Talk on Badingham's Deer Parks by Dr Rosemary Hoppitt**

This was a really successful evening with a fascinating talk which took us back to The Doomsday Record through the Middle Ages and up to the present day with lovely photo's of Oakenhill Hall taken recently in glorious sunshine.

It was good to see so many people, we enjoyed a delicious buffet and had a chance to socialise before and after the talk.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the raffle was a water colour of Pin Mill, kindly donated by Sonja.

Expenses were minimal. Dr Hoppitt, supported by her husband Cliff who sorted out all the 'Tech', very kindly donated her time and expertise.

The event made £715.90 for the repair of Badingham's medieval church roof.

***Thank you so much to everyone who helped and who generously donated food and most especially to all of you who came along.***

## **SUNDAY APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> - EASTER DAY**

### **Service in Badingham Church at 11am**

Do join us if you can even if you do not often make it to church. The Nave may be full of scaffolding, but we can still use the chancel which is open every day.

***Everyone will be warmly welcomed. – A very  
Happy Easter to you all***

## **A CELEBRATION FOR MID-SUMMER'S DAY**

**SATURDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2025**

**IN BADINGHAM CHURCH YARD**

**2 – 4pm**

Back in the day when, on the hill on which our church now stands, Pagan Festivals were held, ale was brewed and Bonfires were lit to celebrate mid-summers day.

We are not planning to brew our own ale (although some would like to) but we are hoping to have an 'Ale Tent' and we are not planning to light bonfires, though maybe we can find a safe way to symbolise them, but we are planning to celebrate mid-summers day and have some fun with activities for everyone.

Handicraft, nature trail, possibly even a Zip Wire for Teddies off of the church Tower.

Bring your own Picnic and Tea, Coffee and Cake will be available.

Have a look round The Community Gardens.

The church nave will be open for anyone who would like to see what is happening in the church and an update on our progress with the development phase of our lottery application.

Details are a bit hazy yet but please book the date and look out for more details between now and then and in the next Upper Alde Link and Badingham Echo.

Badingham Church Bookshop.

BOOKSALE IN THE CHURCHYARD. APRIL 12th.10-12

We will be selling a large amount of the more unusual and valuable Books that have been donated over the last months.

We have subjects such as Railways, Shipping ,Local History ,Military, Butterflies and Bugs

etc as well as the usual novels and paperbacks, all at reasonable prices.

CASH ONLY THOUGH.

We have plenty of gazebos, and coffee and chocolate biscuits for all visitors.

As always, all proceeds will help maintain the Church during this difficult period.

*Badingham Church AGM Thursday 10th April, 7pm in the church*

## Dennington

### ***St Mary's Church is At Risk!***

**Please join us for coffee, cake and conservation in the Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am to find out more**

St Mary's church is on Historic England's '*Heritage At Risk*' Register, where it is listed as being at '*immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric.*' The church therefore needs urgent repairs, which provides us with a wonderful opportunity to deliver a new programme of linked heritage learning, interpretation, wellbeing and worship activities for all ages. This consultation morning will bring you up to speed as we prepare a grant application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). Really important in this is how the project connects to the village and how it works in partnership across our community. Dennington is one community and by working together we will be able to celebrate our heritage and share skills and ambitions for a sustainable future.

On 26th April we will be joined by our Project Architect and by our Project Activity Coordinator who will:

- Provide details of the urgent repairs needed to save the church
  - Give an overview of what needs to be done to secure funding from the NLHF, which if successful will be a major investment for Dennington



- Explain our initial ideas for project activities and partnerships
  - Provide opportunities for discussion and feedback – it's critical that we hear from you as to how the project can best deliver for the village

We hope that you can join us on 26th April so that we can better understand how we can work together to successfully deliver this project. The event will last around an hour and a half and will finish with optional tours of the church.

Please remember that this event will take place in the Village Hall.

**It is not a fundraising event, but rather a way to involve the community in the project from the very start.  
We look forward to seeing you!**

Forms of application to be on the Church Electoral Roll are in the church, we need to compile a new list this year.

**Important date for the diary – 26<sup>th</sup> April form 10.30** Please see the flyer and do come along if you can.

Sadly several people from the village have died recently – Bill Blakely, Dennis Amor and Ollie Nobbs. Please remember them, and Catherine, Jillifar and Sally and their families in your thoughts and prayers. The funeral for Ollie was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March on a chilly but sunny day in a lovely full church.

## · CRANSFORD NEWS

“April is the cruellest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land.” We share T S Eliot’s impatience with the cold north wind that seems to stop the apple blossom from coming out and chill the new leaves on the trees. In Cransford the only signs of spring are snowdrops, aconites and a few daffodils. We must be patient. Easter is shortly upon us. A time of hope and renewal.

On Good Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> April in Cransford there will be the Procession of Witness, when we join with our friends from the Christian Fellowship Church starting at the chapel at 10am. We walk bearing the Cross to St Peter’s where there will be a brief service and reflection. Do join us.

You will be aware of a new housing development underway at Beecher’s yard. Cransford needs more families and we must make them welcome.

Patrick Grieve

**Cransford Village Hall**, has lots on for the whole community:

Our popular coffee mornings continue monthly, with home made soup, savouries and cakes on offer. 10:30 - 12:00



April Saturday 19th with Easter Egg Hunt

May Saturday 17 th with plants/seedlings for sale.

Dales Fruit Drop: with coffee at the Village Hall every Thursday. Come and stock up on really fresh fruit and veg, and have a cuppa at the same time.

Library van: Next visit: 17th April and 15th May 10.30 –

11.10am. Select a book on the day or order a book for next time.

VE 80th Anniversary Lunch, Bank Holiday Monday 5th May: Come and join us in the village hall, to remember this important event. Bangers and mash, music and memorabilia.

Contact: Lucy McDowell for tickets: mcdowelllucya@gmail.com

## **St Michael's Rendham Churchwardens' Report**

The mid-morning services on Wednesdays once a month taken by the Revd Claire Kiddy continue to be quite well attended, with welcome refreshments afterwards. Our PCC AGM will be held on Wednesday 30 April in the Church at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some repairs are still needed in the Vestry but we hope these will take place soon.

Following the very successful Christmas Morning on 7 December in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice, on Saturday 12 April we will be holding our Spring Coffee morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon in aid of St Michael's Church.

We will be celebrating Easter Sunday 20 April with an Evensong at 5 pm taken by our Rector, the Revd Claire Kiddy. As in past years, the display of lilies in memory of departed family and friends, organised by Lesley Bennion, will make the service even more special.

We would like to thank, on behalf of the PCC , both Trevor and Chris Salmon for their decades of work with Neighbourhood Watch keeping us all in touch, and with the Parish Council and wish them a very happy retirement - although Chris will continue her photographs for posterity and Trevor and she will continue manhandling the books for the Fete!

Charles and Frances

## **Sweffling**

**LENT STUDY COURSE:** The Lent Group began on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm at the Rectory in Orchard Rise, Badingham and comprises five sessions. Dates in April are 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The York Course entitled “The Sacraments – Responding to God’s loving invitation”, is being used, which has been written by Dr Jane Williams, one of the founders of St Mellitus College. Each session lasts for an hour during which time we listen to an audio recording which prompts our discussions and reflections on the questions posed. If you would like to come, please let Rev. Claire know. If you haven’t been so far, you are very welcome to join the group for any or all the remaining sessions.

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (ACM) AND CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLE**

The ACM will be held in church on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Every 5 years the Electoral Roll for St. Mary’s Church, Sweffling has to be revised. If you would like to be included on the Roll, which entitles you to vote on matters affecting the church in our village, forms can be obtained from Sheila Tesh (663518). If you are already on the Roll, Sheila will ensure that you receive a form. All forms have to be completed before the Annual Church Meeting.

### **EASTER MEMORIAL LILY FESTIVAL, Sweffling, Weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

At Easter we will again be having lilies given in memory of family and friends. Please see back page of the Bridge for details. Each lily will cost £4.00. Please give the names of those to be remembered together with the money for the lilies to Diana Smith (663578) or Sheila Tesh (663518) by April 7<sup>th</sup>, so that the lilies can be ordered, delivered and be in full bloom by Easter.

Details of the Church Services Sweffling and in the Benefice during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday can be found later in The Bridge.

### **ACC SPRING FLOWER SHOW**

We are planning to hold the Spring Flower Show in Sweffling Hut on Saturday 5th April.

Exhibits to the hut between 9.00 and 10.00am. Judging at 10.00am. Entry forms in village halls and on village websites. Show opens at 2.00pm. Entry £1 (includes tea/ coffee). Under 12s free. Presentation of cups at 3.00pm followed by Raffle. No previous experience necessary; new exhibitors welcome.

Enquiries, ring Lynda on 663325

<b>MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION 11am WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>2 nd April</b>	<b>Communion with Lenten reflection @ Rendham</b>
<b>9 th April</b>	<b>Communion with Lenten reflection @ Sweffling</b>
<b>16th April</b>	<b>Communion with Lenten reflection @ Cransford</b>
<b>23rd April</b>	<b>Holy Communion @ Bruisyard</b>
<b>30th April</b>	<b>Holy Communion @ Sweffling</b>
<b>7 th May</b>	<b>Holy Communion @ Rendham</b>
<b>14 th May</b>	<b>NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION</b>
<b>21st May</b>	<b>Holy Communion @ Cransford</b>
<b>28 th May</b>	<b>NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION</b>

### **Easter Services in the Upper Alde Benefice**

<b>Maundy Thursday 17th April</b>	<b>7pm Holy Communion @ Dennington</b>
<b>Good Friday 18th April</b>	<b>10am Walk of Witness @ Cransford 2pm Last Hour by the Cross @ Sweffling</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 20th April</b>	<b>9.30 am BCP Communion @ Bruisyard 9.30 am Easter Morning Prayer @ Sweffling 11am Holy Communion @ Badingham 5pm Easter Thanksgiving @ Rendham</b>

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