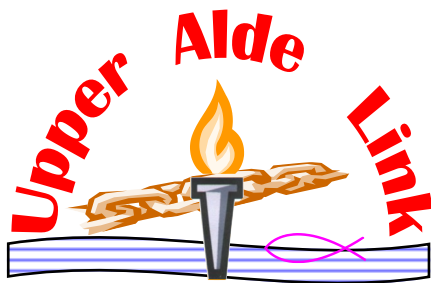


August
September
2024



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

Services for August

Sunday	4th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dennington
Trinity	10	9.30am	Holy Com.	Sweffling
		9.30am	Matins	Bruisyard
		11.00am	Holy Com. x Ext	Badingham
Sunday	11th	9.30am	Holy Com. x Ext	Cransford
Trinity	11	9.30am	Matins	Rendham
		11.00am	Family Service	Dennington
Sunday	18th	9.30am	Holy Com. x Ext	Bruisyard
Trinity	12	9.30am	Matins	Sweffling
		11.00am	Holy Com. x Ext	Badingham
Sunday	25th	9.30am	Holy Com. x Ext	Rendham
Trinity	13	9.30am	Matins	Cransford
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Dennington

Articles for publication should be with the editor by the 15th of the preceding month.

Editor: Victor Warne 5 Mill Road Badingham Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 8LG
01728 638357 or Email copy in the text, not attach: suffolkmicrowaves@btinternet.com

The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit any item submitted.

A copy of this LINK is available by Email. It is updated and in colour with electronic Links to other publications and videos. If your computer is on line, click on the coloured text to activate that link. Happy browsing!

To receive the electronic copy, send your Email address to suffolkmicrowaves@btinternet.com

August September 2024

From our new Priest n Charge

Hello everyone. I am delighted to have been appointed as the Priest in Charge of the Upper Alde Benefice and I am looking forward to my licensing in Dennington Church. I will be moving into the Rectory in Badingham in September, date to be decided by the diocese. As this will be a part time role my regular working days will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Of course I will need to be flexible as some work days will need to change for special events.

When I looked around the benefice at the beginning of June I was given only a snapshot of village life in each of the six villages, so I am excited at the prospect of living and working amongst you and really getting to know you and the communities.

So let me tell you a little more about myself. I have lived in Suffolk all my life. At the moment I am an Associate Priest in Beccles Parish. I am married to Geoffrey, who is a farmer, and we live on our farm in Wissett. We have three grown up children – Edward is a farmer, he lives with his wife on the farm. Emily lives in Hertfordshire and works for the Church of England in the vision and strategy department. Henry lives with us and is about to start teacher training. We have a cockapoo called Mabel.

When you see me out and about do say hello and introduce yourself to me. I would love to hear what your village means to you and how the church can best serve you.

So as I prepare for this move I will be praying for God's love and blessing to be showered upon this new chapter in the life of the Upper Alde Benefice.

With best wishes

Revd Claire



Cransford News

As the rain pours down and I get my winter coat out, I cannot believe it is midsummer. The consolation is the sight of more pyramidal orchids than ever in the wood, and even a few bee orchids.



There have been more poppies on the roadside than ever and the barley is just turning and promising a good harvest. I feel sorry for those in queuing at Gatwick heading for Benidorm. Better off in Suffolk .

The Suffolk Historic Trust Bike Ride made just over £ 200,000 last year, the best ever. Please note the 14th Sept in your diary and find your bicycle pump. All our churches get 50% of what you raise apart from any grants for which you may apply. The Trust needs applicants so do not hesitate. Contact your local organiser for details. On yer bike!

We look forward to getting to know our new incumbent Clare. With many vacancies in the Deanery, we are lucky to have her, and we must give her every support. It will be quite a challenge with our six parishes all different and with our different services and customs.

With continuing wars in Ukraine and Gaza, a narrow escape for Trump and droughts in Africa, we live in a violent and troubled world. Let us hope our new prime minister will have a firm hand on the tiller and provide much



needed stability and unity. In Suffolk we may be far from all of this, but as a military helicopter today just cleared my chimney tops. we must remember we cannot be complacent. As Cromwell said

“Trust in the Lord and keep your powder dry”

Patrick

Cransford Village Hall - We are working hard to make improvements to our charming old village hall. Things high on the list are new heating, disabled toilet facilities and disabled access. A key element in attracting

funding is demonstrating support for the hall as a village hub - so if you have any suggestions for events please do let us know. We were blessed with a beautiful day for the first village open gardens on the 29th June. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed 7 gardens of every type and size with refreshments in the village hall, plus a few top ups on the trip round. Thank you very much to everyone involved! Coffee Mornings - every 3rd Saturday of the month. They will now include a different event such as bake sales, seeding sales and table top sales 17th August and 21st September Dales Fruit Drop - every Thursday 11.30 - 12.00 outside the village hall. High quality fruit & veg plus teas and coffees in the hall. Library Van - calls one Thursday a month between 10.30 - 11.10am future dates are posted at the village hall. Books can be ordered for delivery the following month. String Quartet - a musical afternoon with afternoon tea on Sunday 8th September. Harvest Supper - more details soon.

Rendham St Michael's

We are delighted to report the appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of the Upper Alde, which comprises Rendham with its other five parishes. She is the Revd. Claire Elizabeth Kiddy, and her Licensing Service, conducted by the Bishop, will take place at St Mary, Dennington at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 September. All are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to her first service in our churches.

The annual SHCT Ride and Stride, which is so successful in raising funds for the preservation of Suffolk churches, will be on Saturday 14 September. As always, we should be very grateful for volunteers to sit in as recorders. Contact Dr Richard Shattock on 664082.

Our Rendham Fete on 6 July was a wonderful triumph of determination over adversity. The gallant stallholders who endured the heavy rain, earlier in the day, kept smiling through the deluge and we expect results nearly as good as last year. Congratulations to all who took part.

Charles and Frances

Bruisyard News -

The churchyard is fairly rough due to the rain , but thanks to Richard

Pawle and some help from Yvonne Humphrey (And Ian) part of the churchyard has been tamed ready for a wedding on the 3rd of August.

On Saturday September 14th the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride will take place . Participants can collect their forms at St Peter's Church, or online from the website, at any time. On the day a recorder will be at the church, signing your forms, from 9am until 5pm, refreshments will also be available.

We are now signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, if anyone would like to donate, there will be details in the church or online.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar, at the church, on Saturday 30th November. Enjoy the Summer.

Rupert and Sally .

Badingham

The Reverend Claire Kiddy

Our new Priest in Charge is the Reverend Claire Kiddy. She will be licensed as Priest in Charge of the Upper Alde Benefice (Badingham, Bruisyard, Cransford, Dennington, Rendham and Sweffling) on Wednesday, 11th September, at 7.30pm in Dennington Church.

Everyone is welcome to come along to meet her and welcome her to our parishes.

'Hammerbeams, Heritage and Health - Restoration at St John's, Badingham'

This is the title of our application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Our application consists of a variety of projects that, if carried out, will involve The cafe, The Community Gardens and Churchyard, The Village Hall, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Dennington School and Framlingham Library and the whole village community, as well as repairing our single hammer beam, medieval church roof, and we hope, leaving it fit for future generations.

We are delighted and grateful that The National Lottery Heritage Fund

have given us a grant of £42,000 to develop these projects over the next 2 years. We have to provide match funding of £5,000. This will take a great deal of time and dedication and lots of help and guidance will be needed.

At the end of that time we will apply for the funding necessary to deliver the repairs and the projects. We think this might cost about £1,000,000.

Some Thank yous

After many years of dedicated service cutting the grass in the church yard, Merlin and Rita Ruffles have decided that enough is enough and are handing the mantle on to others.

MERLIN AND RITA, THANK YOU

most sincerely for all your time, effort and hard work keeping the grass cut in our village churchyard which has been so much appreciated over these many years.

Badingham Church Book Shop has become an established venue for a good book and a bargain.

Thank you Patricia and Andy for all the time and effort that you both put into looking after it for us.



D Day Commemorations

We were delighted that so many people were able to join us for the service and to stay for a look at the exhibition of photo's and have a drink and, most importantly, a chat after the service.

Thank you bell ringers for welcoming us as you 'rang for peace'.

Thank you Victor and Amanda for the exhibition of information and photo's.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 2024

11 am

BADINGHAM CHURCH

HARVEST LUNCH

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

12.30 for 1pm

BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our Guest Speaker is Dennis Dewsbury
who will be telling us about

'A BADINGHAM CHILDHOOD'

Tickets, adults £13.00 : all young people under 18 years are free
available from Ann Foster, 638288 or Badingham Cafe

*Everyone is very welcome to either the service, or the lunch, or both the
service and the lunch*

Sweffling

Appointment of new Priest for the Upper Alde Benefice

The Rev. Claire Kiddy has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the six churches in the Upper Alde Benefice. It is a half time post, so Claire will be working in the parishes three days each week plus Sundays and living in the rectory in Badingham. She was previously assistant priest in Beccles and comes from a farming background. She will be formally inducted to the role by Bishop Martin on Wednesday September 11th in Dennington Church at 7.30 p.m. and everyone is invited to this service.

SWEFFLING FETE & FUN DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 1 PM - 4PM

An afternoon of fun for all the family with traditional Stalls, and Sideshows including a Coconut Shy, Tractor Rides, Mystic Miranda, Fairground organ, Face painting and Children's craft and nature activities. BBQ, Beer tent, Pimms Stall, Ice creams & Homemade teas.

Stalls: Please support our stallholders by contributing goods and produce:

The Grand Draw: First Prize £100 and other quality prizes.

DOG SHOW

I hope many of you will remember how much fun the dog show is!

For those of you who have not been before, please bring your dog along and be assured

that there are many different classes for your dog to enter regardless of age or breed.

We are very fortunate to have Toby's pet shop in Framlingham supporting us with goody bags for winners in each class. All dogs placed 1- 4 will receive rosettes and the best in

show will be awarded a cup. All dogs will get a bonio and of course placed or not you will always take the best dog home!

As always there are a few rules we must ask you to observe:

All dogs must be kept on leads.

No bitches in season.

You must, must, must clean up after your dog.

Hope to see you, your family and your dog on the day!

HARVEST IN SWEFFLING: Sunday October 6th

Again this year we will be decorating the church with flowers and berries for harvest. If you would like to help with the decorating, please contact Jill Abbott (663402). However as in the previous two years, instead of fresh produce we are asking for gifts of tinned, dried and packaged foods, toiletries etc. so that the gifts can be donated to a local food bank to be distributed to those in need in our area. Please start putting aside items now and they can be brought to the church nearer the time.

The Harvest Festival Service will be in church at 9.30 a.m. All are invited.

HARVEST LUNCH: We plan to have a Harvest Lunch in Sweffling Hut on Sunday October 6th, starting at 1.00 p.m. It will be a 2-course meal with soft drinks included – bring your own wine. The cost will be £10.00 per adult, £5.00 per child under 12. All proceeds from the lunch and the raffle will be sent to Tear Fund to help with famine or disaster relief.

Dennington

Very exciting news – 11th September at 7.30 pm

The Right Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that The Revd Claire Kiddy has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Upper Alde benefice. Please put this date of 11th September at 7.30 pm at Dennington church in your diaries when the Bishop will licence Claire to this post and please try to come to the service to welcome Claire. Everyone is extremely welcome to come along to meet her and her family.

Garden Party – Sunday 25th August

2.30 - 5.00pm at Old Spring Cottage

On Sunday 25th August, Liz and David Pardey will be hosting a Garden Party at Old Spring Cottage to raise funds towards repairs to the Church roof. There will be cream teas, Pimms, games to play and a treasure hunt for children. Entry will be £7.50 per adult (entitling you to a cream tea/cake and Pimms); under-11s £3.00.

Why not come along and join in the fun. Could you be Dennington's champion Boules or Croquet player? Why not have a family/friends competition? (All games and Treasure Hunt £1.00 per person – please bring cash!)

Email oldspringcottage@gmail.com or 'phone 01728 638199 for tickets in advance or to let us know you're coming (to help with numbers!).

Continued on back page

Services for September

Sunday	1st	8.00am	Holy Communion	Dennington
Trinity	14	9.30am	Holy Com.	Sweffling
		9.30am	Matins	Bruisyard
		11.00am	Holy Com. X Ext	Badingham
Sunday	8th	9.30am	Holy Com. x Ext	Cransford
Trinity	15	9.30am	Matins	Rendham
		11.00am	Family Service	Dennington
Wednesday	11th	7.30pm	Licensing Service	Dennington
Sunday	15th	9.30am	Holy Com.	Bruisyard
Trinity	16	9.30am	Matins	Sweffling
		11.00am	Holy Com	Badingham
Sunday	22nd	9.30am	Holy Com.	Rendham
Trinity	17	9.30am	Matins	Cransford
		11.00am	Harvest Festival	Dennington
Sunday	29th	10.00am	Benefice Service	Bruisyard
	18			

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride 14th September. Please contact Avril Palmer on 01728 638686 if you would like to take part or if you are able to help in the church recording cyclists.

Harvest Festival . This will be at **11.00 am on Sunday 22nd September**. It will be a family friendly service and everyone is very welcome. Do bring along any produce – fresh or tins and packets – which will be taken to The Salvation Army in Woodbridge. This will be followed by ...

Harvest Lunch This is being held in the Village Hall from 12.30. There will be plenty of space and it is lovely to be able to make use of our community venue. Tickets will be £12.50 per adult and £5.00 for children under 13 and free to under 5s. Please get tickets from Julie Steward on 01728 638272 or juliesteward@hotmail.co.uk or Veronica Maberly at vmaberly@keme.co.uk or 07885756425

Volunteers needed!! We are so lucky in Dennington to have so many volunteers who help do things, and thank you all very much for all that you do – but many hands make light work!

Church Cleaning – Do you think you could spare an hour per month to clean the church? Mandy Sayer and her team usually meet on the first Saturday in the month from 10 to 11 am and will be needing one more person to join the friendly team. If you can help or would like more info please contact Mandy on 01728 638729.

Distributing this Newsletter! – Another excuse for a gentle stroll in Dennington! Every 2 months the newsletter needs to be delivered – if you would be interested in delivering one of the rounds please contact Veronica Maberly on 01728 638627 or email vmaberly@keme.co.uk

<p>Our thanks go to the Archdeacon who pulled a few strings when he saw ambition and need could both be served.</p>
