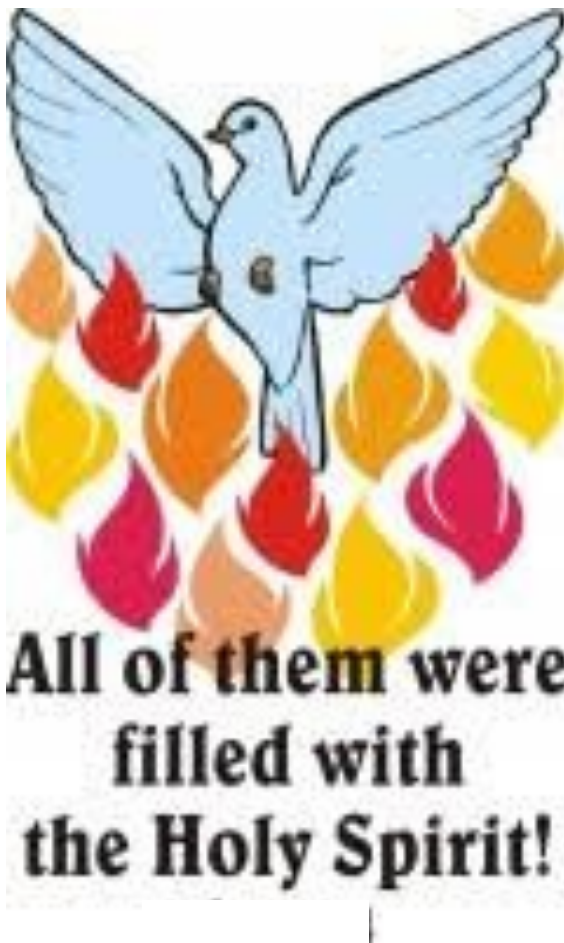
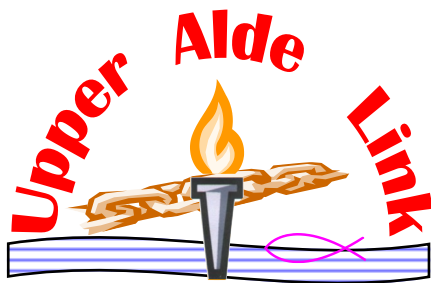


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Church News and Views for the Parishes
of
Badingham Bruisyard Cransford Dennington Rendham & Sweffling

JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 1st June 2025 Easter 7 White	8am BCP Communion – St Mary's Dennington 9.30am BCP Communion – St Mary's Sweffling 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Peter's Bruisyard 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham 3.30pm Licensing of Rector – St Michael's Rendham
Sunday 8th June 2025 Pentecost Red	9.30am BCP Communion – St Peter's Cransford 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Michael's Rendham 11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Dennington 2.30pm Baptism of Thomas Kalinowski - St Peter's Cransford
Sunday 15th June 2025 Trinity Sunday White	9.30am BCP Communion – St Peter's Bruisyard 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Mary's Sweffling 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham
Sunday 22nd June 2025 1 st Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30am BCP Holy Communion – St Michael's Rendham 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Peter's Cransford 11am Sunday Morning Worship – St Mary's Dennington
Sunday 29th June 2025 2 nd Sunday after Trinity Green	10am Benefice Communion Service – St Michael's Rendham 6.30pm Taize Service – St Mary's Sweffling

JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 6th July 2025 3 rd Sunday after Trinity Green	8am BCP Communion - St Mary's Dennington 9.30am BCP Communion – St Mary's Sweffling 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Peter's Bruisyard 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham
Sunday 13th July 2025 4 th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30am BCP Communion – St Peter's Cransford 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Michael's Rendham 11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Dennington
Sunday 20th July 2025 5 th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30 am BCP Communion – St Peter's Bruisyard 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Mary's Sweffling 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham
Sunday 27th July 2025 6 th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30am Holy Communion – St Michael's Rendham 11am Sunday Morning Worship – St Mary's Dennington 5pm Evensong – St Peter's Cransford

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 2nd June	11am Holy Communion St Michael's Rendham
Wednesday 11th June	11am Holy Communion -St Mary's Sweffling
Wednesday 18th June	11am Holy Communion -St Peter's Cransford
Wednesday 25th June	11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Bruisyard
Wednesday 2nd July	11am Holy Communion -St Michael's Rendham
Wednesday 9th July	NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION
Wednesday 16th July	11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Cransford
Wednesday 23rd July	11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Bruisyard
Wednesday 30th July	11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Sweffling

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Letter from the Rector

I am delighted to tell you that on June 1st I will be licensed as Rector of the Upper Alde Benefice. This is a significant event not only for me, but also for each parish church as I will be the first female rector in about 800 years of its' history. At the moment I am licensed as Priest in Charge, this is because a Bishop's Suspension Order was placed on the benefice, when Revd Jonathan Olanczuk retired. So for 8 years there has been uncertainty over the viability of continuing as just a 6 parish benefice, this is relatively small for a benefice. I am pleased that the suspension has been lifted and that Badingham, Bruisyard, Cransford, Dennington, Rendham and Sweffling can continue to be the Upper Alde Benefice. This is largely due to dedicated parishioners who have worked hard for many years to preserve and maintain the church buildings and have given generously to enable the mission and ministry of the church to continue.

At my licensing service I receive the 'cure of souls', this sounds a rather old fashioned term, but it encompasses the unique aspect of the Church of England. The vicar/rector is there for everyone in the parish, for people of all faiths and none, and they are to care deeply for people's spiritual needs and wellbeing. This comes from

Jesus' command that we are to love everybody, to love our neighbour as ourselves. The church building is a symbol of God's love, it stands in each parish as constant reminder of the past, present and future, and the gradual changing seasons of life. I know our beautiful buildings are loved and valued

by many people who don't wish to come to services but appreciate the peace and tranquillity. The history and the prayer soaked walls give an awareness of our smallness in the whole created order and a sense of something 'other' or 'more' than ourselves.

It is so important that churches are open every day so that everyone can enjoy their village church. This does rely on volunteers to open and lock and I am very grateful to all those who help with this. We do need more



volunteers to unlock Sweffling church, at the moment it is only open Wednesday and Sunday. I am thankful to those who volunteer to clean their village church, tidy churchyards, arrange flowers and clean the brasses.

I am enjoying getting to know all six parishes in the benefice and particularly enjoy meeting people at community events and finding out what people love about their village. As you will see there are lots of summer events coming up in the benefice so I am making sure I get them in my diary. Enjoy the long daylight hours of early summer and hopefully the sun will shine on all our village events.

Revd Claire

My licensing service will be conducted by the Archdeacon of Suffolk on June 1st 3.30pm at St Michael's Rendham. Tea and cake in the village hall after the service. It would be great to have lots of people there, so do come if you can.

Cransford News

Following the Quinquennial it transpires that a main beam in the church tower has rotted and needs replacing. It is complicated because there will have to be internal scaffolding and a custom built steel girder replacement. It will cost at least £ 20,000, maybe more. There are grants available from SHCT and other bodies. Luckily the work will not stop the church being used, as the nave is sound. The bells can still be used, but I as the bell ringer will have to move fast if I hear ominous noise overhead. The VE day celebrations involved a lunch in the village hall, with about 30 people attending. Our village hall chairman Tim Kindred reminded of us of how much we all owe to those who fought. One of the veterans Douglas Cracknel attended, now approaching his 100th year, still hale and hearty.

Just to remind everybody, the Dales Farm van selling fruit and vegetable visit the Village Hall every Thursday between 11.30 and 12 noon. Well worth patronising.

Notwithstanding the cold wind, all the trees are out with good apple blossom, and hawthorne livening the hedgerows. I have seen no bats so far, but we did find a baby tawny owl that had fallen out of its nest. It is now back with its mother. All is well that ends well.

Patrick Grieve

Bruisyard report

We are holding a Strawberry tea afternoon on St Peter's day at St Peter's Church Bruisyard on June 29th between 2-4pm . Please join us all will be welcome.

The refurbishment of the Hare Chapel is progressing well.

It was with great sadness that we heard that John McKee had died on Good Friday . He was a staunch supporter of Bruisyard and gave so much time and passion to the village, our thoughts and prayers for Teresa and his family. He will be greatly missed. His funeral is on May 21st at St Peter's at 2pm .

Rupert and Sally.

Badingham

Up Date on Badingham Church Roof

We are progressing through the Development Phase of our grant. Thomas Ford and Partners have been appointed as our Architects, and we have had meetings with their teams of experts. They have now made visits to do their own inspection of the roof and have begun the process of drawing up repair and conservation specifications for the timber and stone work. This work will continue over the summer and autumn ready for us to apply to The Lottery Fund for a Delivery Phase grant in the early part of next year.

We have also appointed an Activity Consultant, Hannah Battersby, and an Evaluation Consultant, Sarah Glover, from a company called Flying Geese. They will be joining us to help plan forthcoming activities and we need the involvement of the whole parish. Two workshops, to collect your thoughts and ideas about what you would like to see happening have been booked in the village hall. They are on -

THURSDAY JUNE 12th

BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

2pm – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm.

This is an opportunity for everyone to come and give us their ideas about what activities they would like to see in and around the church and church yard and on what topics.

We know that since the repairs needed to the roof were first discovered, many people have moved into the village, do come along to find out what it is all about.

We hope that as many people as possible will come along, it is so important that the thoughts of the whole village are included.

This work is being supported with a Development Grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. We would like to record our thanks to them and to all Lottery Players.

A CELEBRATION FOR MIDSUMMER'S DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 21st 2 – 4pm

IN BADINGHAM CHURCH YARD

LOTS OF FUN AND LOTS TO DO

ZIP WIRE FOR TEDDIES FROM THE TOP OF THE CHURCH TOWER.

REAL ALE TENT AND A FIRE TO SYMBOLISE THE BONFIRES OF DAYS GONE BYE

HANDICRAFT TENT. NATURE TRAIL. CIRCUS TRICKS TO TRY. TOFFEE APPLES AND CANDY FLOSS.

VISIT THE COMMUNITY GARDENS.

THE CHURCH NAVE WILL BE OPEN AND MANNED FOR YOU TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE REPAIRS

TEA / COFFEE AND CAKE WILL BE AVAILABLE – BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

The only charge is for the ale (the recipe goes back two thousand years), everything else will be free but there will be donation buckets for the repairs to the church roof.



We do hope you will come along and enjoy this event with us.
For those of you wanting to try teddies on the zip wire – it does not have to be a teddy, any soft toy will be good and they will be very securely strapped in at the bottom of the tower and towed up.

Anybody named Edward will be protected

Ascension Day, Thursday 29th May, - There will be a service of Holy Communion at 7pm in Badingham Church. It is a busy week but please join us if you can.

Easter Pilgrims

We were pleased to be able to once again welcome The Essex Leg of the Pilgrims Cross for their coffee break on the Tuesday of Holy Week. That morning it rained and 25 pilgrims arrived from Framlingham at about 10am, very wet, but left in good spirits and in sunshine on their way to Harleston. Their pilgrimage finished at Walsingham where they were meeting with many other pilgrims from various places in the country on Good Friday and staying there to celebrate Easter Day together on the Sunday.

Sunday June 1st

We are delighted that The Bishop has now lifted the suspension of The Benefice, this means that the Benefice will now continue as 6 parishes. **The Reverend Claire Kiddy, currently Priest in Charge, will be licensed as Rector of the Upper Alde Benefice on Sunday, June 1st. The service will be at 3.30pm at St Michaels Church, Rendham and conducted by the Venerable Rich Henderson, Archdeacon of Suffolk.**

Tea will be served in Rendham Village Hall after the service.

Please come along if you can and give Claire your support, everyone will be very welcome.

Churchyard – Thank you everyone who is busy mowing and strimming to help keep the churchyard tidy, at this time of year when everything is growing it is a full time job. If anyone can spare a bit of time to help, even if it is just for an hour, with some strimming or mowing please give Ron a call, his mobile number is 07791 606192. He will be pleased to hear from you.

A Polite Notice – When you are walking your dog in the church yard, please keep an eye on it and make sure you pick up its poo. There have been a couple of times lately when this has not happened and it is not nice to walk into. **Thank you**

Dennington

April and May seem to have been busy months in the church!

On 9th April The Coat of Hopes came to visit – The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat on an ongoing walking pilgrimage through the UK towards the end of the climate and ecological emergency. The Pilgrims had walked from Halesworth and then spent the night camping in the church! The next morning they left for Grundisburgh. It was lovely to have them and lots of people popped in to see them and try the coat on. The pilgrims said they enjoyed sleeping in the Box Pews – their own little cubicles!

Holy Week was busy with a service for Palm Sunday and in the evening of Maundy Thursday. Then on Easter Day we had our first lighting of the Easter Fire – It was a lovely sunny day and even though it was a bit breezy we managed to light the fire and then from that light the Easter Candle. We then carried on the service by the Font before finishing with Holy Communion.

On 26th April there was a consultation morning in the village hall to explain a bit about how 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 9th May the School had a wonderful service in the church for their 150th Anniversary. It was lovely to see the church so full and all enjoyed cakes and drinks afterwards.

Sadly Sheila Missen died on 21st April aged 99 years. Her funeral was held on 13th May. Please keep her family in your prayers.

St Michael's Rendham

Our Evensong service on Easter Sunday, 20th April, was an occasion to remember, when the church was graced with beautiful arrangements of Remembrance lilies as in former years. Our choir sang 'All in the April evening' and refreshments afterwards were enjoyed by all who came to the service.

We look forward to the Rectorial Ordination Service for the Revd Claire Kiddy conducted by the Archdeacon of Suffolk which will be held at St Michael's Church on Sunday 1st June at 3.30 pm. All are warmly invited to come to this special service and to the tea afterwards in Rendham Village Hall.

Our Coffee Morning on 12th April was a huge success, raising over £500 for church repairs. Our grateful thanks go to all who gave so much of their time and effort before and during this cheerful event.

Charles and Frances

From Suffolk to Chelsea Gold

Come and hear an entertaining talk by horticulturalist Jane Bastow, in aid of St Peter's Church, Cransford.

Some years ago Jane signed up for night-school at Otley College, took Royal Horticultural Society courses, and gained her gardening diploma.

The 10 people in her group were musing about the Chelsea Flower Show and thought how brilliant it would be to enter. So they did – and after a huge amount of work, with many ups and downs, they won a gold medal!

United Free Church Hall. Thursday 19th June 19:00

We are raising funds for urgent work on our church tower. Thank you for your support.

Please email Lucy McDowell to book your ticket. mcdowelllucya@gmail.com or ring 07971 680336.

Cransford Village Hall

Coffee Mornings – come and join us 10:30 – 12:00 for home made cakes and savouries.

Saturday 21st June and Saturday 19th July

Every Thursday: Dales: Fresh fruit and veg. for sale, plus tea and coffee, at the Village hall. 11:30 - 12:00

Sweffling News

St. Mary's church was decorated for Easter with more than 70 white lilies, given in memory of family members of friends. The names of those to be remembered were written on scrolls and read out during the service by Jill Abbott. The scent of the lilies was amazing for our Easter Thanksgiving Service, led by John Tesh. There was a beautiful Easter garden in church, together with miniature gardens imaginatively planted by children from the village. We had a good congregation comprised of regular worshippers and visitors, and after the service we enjoyed Easter eggs and refreshments.

At the Annual Church Meeting on May 7th Geoffrey Abbott retired as churchwarden, having served for 15 years. Very many thanks to Geoffrey for his hard work and dedication to St. Mary's throughout this time. We welcomed Amanda Daniel as our new churchwarden, and she will serve together with John Tesh. We also said thank you to Teresa Coleman, Pam Fagan and Diana Smith who have stood down from the PCC. The names of the new PCC and of those on the electoral roll are posted in the church porch.

On Saturday, June 7th, from 7.00 p.m. there will be a Blues Night in Sweffling Hut featuring the Blyth River Blues Band. Tickets cost £12.00 from Mike Smithson to include a hot dog. Contact mikesmithson.ms@gmail.com or text 07753 825938. Proceeds to Sweffling Hut Funds.

On Sunday June 29th at 6.30 p.m. there will be a Taize service in St. Mary's. Everyone from the Benefice is invited to this meditative service,

which will be led by the Rev. Claire, with music played by members of the village.

A date for your diary. Sweffling Fete will take place on the Townland meadow on Saturday, August 16th, commencing at 1.00 p.m. There will be stalls, games, a fun dog show and refreshments galore. Book the date and we hope to see you there. Free entry.

BADINGHAM CHURCH BOOKSHOP

The special Book Sale we held in the Churchyard in April went really well. We raised £240 from the Sale of the higher quality, more unusual Books that had been donated to the Bookshop. Ann served coffee from her mini outdoor cafe and Annie distributed loads of her excess Rhubarb. Everyone sat around in the Spring sunshine, chatting and looking at books. We are planning another Sale on August 2nd, more details to follow

All donations of books always welcome; just leave them in the Bookshop

Many thanks, as always, for village support for the Bookshop.



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FOODBANK SPECIAL APPEAL

The Summer Holidays are an expensive time for all families but, for children who receive free school meals, school holidays provide an additional challenge for struggling families. The Foodbank tries to support them by supplying meals for these kids.

Starting at the beginning of July, Badingham Church will be launching a MEAL APPEAL

The Waveney Foodbank Depot have sent us suggestions of items that will be most needed:

Tinned meat, Tinned curry, Tuna, Instant, tinned potatoes & Vegetables.

Microwaveable packet rice, pasta & Sauce

Biscuit bars (penguins etc) Squash

If you could donate a meal, or even one of the components, it would be really helpful.

We will have a special receptacle in the Badingham Church Chancel (where the Altar is) at the start of July

Foodbank donations are decreasing nationally but, sadly, the need for help is increasing.

Thank you,
Patricia 638078

