

# MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

Ashfield-cum-Thorpe,  
Charsfield with Debach,  
Cretingham, Dallinghoo, Earl Soham,  
Hoo, Letheringham, Monewden

**April 2025**



**Benefice Service**

**Ashfield - 10am**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**

**All Welcome**

## WHO'S WHO IN THE BENEFICE

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Treasurer	Robert Grimsey, as above	

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*Who's Who continues on the inside back cover*

**The Deadline** for contributions panel  
**MAY 2025 ISSUE is**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

# MID LOES BENEFICE

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April 2025

## *From The Rectory...*

**A**s we move into April, and with the joyful celebration of Easter looming in the distance, the church also turns its attention to the 'business end' of church life, dealing with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting; elections for church officers; generating the Electoral Roll; presenting the Annual Accounts; and reporting on the previous year's activities within the church; so I thought it might be worth reminding ourselves what all this means with a brief overview of the importance of each of these areas of church administration.



### **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The governing body of the church is known as the PCC, and is a charitable trust, with members automatically becoming charitable trustees. Members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The PCC consists of Churchwarden/s; a Treasurer; a Secretary; along with elected members who all play a vital role in the running of your church. The elected trustees manage the church's finances, maintenance of the church, churchyard and associated buildings, whilst also supporting me, as the Rector, working together to advance the church's mission and outreach.

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll is a register of the lay members of the church who are then entitled to vote at the APCM, as well as being eligible to be elected on to their PCC. Whilst the Electoral Roll must be revised annually, a new roll is to be prepared (every sixth year starting from this year, 2025). Forms will be available through your church, so please consider registering and being able to have your say on the future of your local parish church.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The APCM is a statutory meeting held in every parish in the Church of England, typically between January 1st and May 31st, where reports on parish activities, finances, and the electoral roll are presented, along with elections for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) taking place. The APCM is a crucial event in the church calendar where the church community gathers to review the past year's activities and to vote (if eligible) for the election of the various officers of the church.

There is so much more that could be discussed here regarding other important areas of church life, but these can be saved for another occasion. For now, my reason for sharing this overview with you is to encourage you to consider being on the Electoral Roll, and to consider what gifts and talents you might have to become a trustee of your local church, by seeking to be elected onto the PCC.

I am incredibly grateful of the work our 8 PCCs undertake in order to keep their respective churches open and alive for our local communities and for the many visitors who visit our churches, but there is always room for more people to play an important role in the day-to-day running of our churches, so if you wish to have an informal conversation about playing a role in your local church, please give me a call.

*Love, and Blessings, Revd Gary*

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Please note the following dates for the  
benefice churches APCMs...**

**Charsfield / Dallinghoo / Ashfield / Cretingham /  
Letheringham / Monewden**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May - St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo – 11.30am

**Hoo**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Hoo Church - 2pm

**Earl Soham**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham - 7.30pm

## PRAYER FOR HEALING

*A small group meets every month and if you would like prayer for yourself or someone close who is ill or in any kind of need please get in touch with any of the following:*

**Kathleen Martin    01473 737 285**

**Pauline Cobby    01473 737 317**

**Margaret Salter    01473 737 182**

**Mary Vellacott    01728 685423**



## BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
at Firs Farm, Monewden**

A reflective Holy Communion service  
followed by a light lunch to which all are welcome.

Please let Revd Kathleen know if you are coming  
in order to help with planning.

**[b.a.martin@btconnect.com](mailto:b.a.martin@btconnect.com) or 01473 737285**

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on Facebook or Instagram - [beneficeofmidloes](https://www.facebook.com/beneficeofmidloes)

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website, or A Church Near You, rather than receive a printed copy,  
please let the office know, [midloesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:midloesoffice@gmail.com).



## ASHFIELD NOTES

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### SERVICES AT ST MARY'S - APRIL

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We will be hosting three services during April in a change to our routine. On the 6<sup>th</sup> April we have Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, 13<sup>th</sup> April we welcome worshippers from across the benefice for Palm Sunday at 10am and on Easter Sunday there will be Holy Communion at 8.30am. All of our services are open to everyone do come and join us!



The Palm Sunday service [Holy Communion] will include the Benefice Choir and there will be refreshments served after the service, a chance to meet others and chat over tea or coffee. If anyone would like to contribute biscuits or cake for this please speak to Jane Davidson.

Robert

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

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Every five years we have to totally renew the Church's Electoral Roll. This year is that year. If you would like to be part of this please speak to Jane Davidson. Membership of the Church Electoral Roll is open to anyone with an interest in their parish church, it does not put you under any obligation to attend services or donate to our work although all support is appreciated.

Robert

### FOOTPATHS

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As the weather starts to improve I am sure that even more of you will be going out for walks and as the ground dries out be tempted to venture off tarmac to use some of the paths taking you around or across fields. As far as I am aware all of the paths are in a usable condition at present, however if you should encounter any problems do please let Malcolm Pease or myself know so we can investigate and if required get it sorted out.



A gentle reminder to all dog owners that your dogs should be kept under close control at all times and particularly when near livestock! Please also remember to clean up after your dog, ideally collecting the 'poo' and taking it home for disposal.

### DOG POO BINS

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I have been asked by two regular dog walkers recently if it is possible to have 'poo' bins provided. I must stress that this proposal is for bins that would be placed well away from any residential properties so there would not be any issues with smells/flies. At the present time the PC does not have funds to do this and I am unsure if we could get grant funding to achieve it there may also be issues with the bins being emptied. If anyone has any comments positive or negative please let the Parish Clerk know. Thanks.

## ASHFIELD NOTES continued

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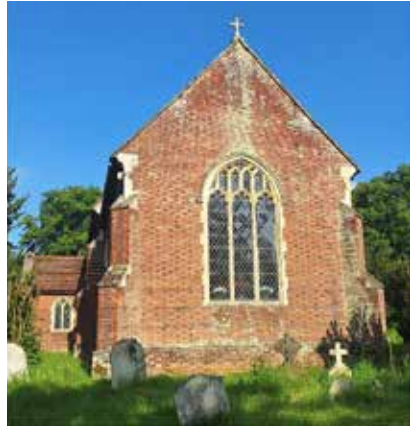
### DONATIONS TO ST MARY'S

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St Mary's wouldn't survive without the generosity of its congregation, residents and visitors. Thank you for your support during 2024.

If you would like to make a donation towards our work and do not have cash please do consider making an electronic donation using our QR code which is displayed at the back of the church. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to enhance your donation by letting us reclaim the tax please register that and it will be done for you automatically.

*Robert*



### PARISH COUNCIL

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At our recent meeting it was reported that the light fitting in the telephone box had been replaced [it had broken through age]. We are indebted to Myles for getting the electrician to do this and also Ashfield Ladies Group who made a generous donation towards the cost of the repair.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council both take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Do please come along and hear the annual reports from the various organisations in the village. If you have anything that you would like to raise at the meetings please let the Clerk know as soon as possible and at least seven days ahead of the meetings.

**Could you be a Parish Councillor?** We have vacancies for up to three Councillors at the moment. The Council typically meets 4-5 times per annum with occasional extra meetings to discuss specific planning applications. Anyone who has lived in the parish for at least twelve months or has property interests in the village is eligible. If you think you would like to get involved please speak to the Clerk or any of the Councillors, Myles, Chris, Simon or myself.

*Robert*

## **CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES**

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### **CHARSFIELD AND DALLINGHOO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



We invite you to join us or visit us and enjoy interesting speakers, friendly company and excellent catering!

Our meetings are held at either Dallinghoo village hall (in the summer) or Charsfield village hall (in the winter) on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm.

14<sup>th</sup> Apr DVH 7.45 pm Author of Suffolk Books Ruth Leigh

12<sup>th</sup> May DVH 7.45 pm Bevan Boys Barbra McElroy

Guests and new members are always welcome - for more information contact the President, Lynne Miller at [i.miller142@btinternet.com](mailto:i.miller142@btinternet.com) or 07856 656695.

We would love to have some new members join us.

Give us a try, come along as a guest and see what we're like!

### **ST. PETER'S ELECTORAL ROLL**

St. Peter's Electoral Roll is being reviewed this year. This means that everybody who wants to be on the electoral roll must register to be included in the new Roll.

Being on your church's electoral roll gives you the right to vote at the APCM (equivalent to AGM) of your parish church.

Forms to register will be available in the porch of St. Peter's from 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and must be returned to Bev Gugenheim (The Cottage, The Street, Charsfield) or Linda Stratton (Middle Cottage, Davey Lane, Charsfield) by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

## **Charsfield Flower Show**

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Charsfield Village Hall



Start growing flowers and vegetables to enter the show.

Also photography, domestic and handicraft classes.

The photography classes this year are:

Into the wild, Doorways, A piece of food, A local scene, Pet/s, In the garden, Seaside, A wet day, Birds, Your choice of colour photo and A black and white photo.

So get snapping!



## CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. The service that we held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's was part of a circle of prayer that took place that day, around the world.

The service took us to the Cook Islands, where we heard about the life of three women from the islands and learnt a little about the struggle of the Cook Islanders to keep alive their native Maori language and traditions.

We placed blue fabric on the altar to represent the ocean with a large bowl of water and banana leaves and tropical flowers to evoke the tropical ambience of the pacific Cook Islands.

Next year's World Day of Prayer will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and the service will be produced by women in Nigeria with the theme: "I will give you rest, come."



**There's a warm welcome waiting in  
Charsfield Village Hall Bar**

Plus Table Tennis! 

Dominos, Shove Halfpenny & other games



**CONTACTLESS PAYMENT**

**BAR WILL BE OPEN**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm to 10pm**



## **CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued**



<b>CHARSFIELD - APRIL FLOWER ROTA</b>		
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>
No Flowers	No Flowers	Everyone

## **CHARSFIELD - APRIL READER ROTA**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sides person</b>
<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	No Service at Charsfield Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
<b>April 13<sup>th</sup> 10am</b> Palm Sunday Benefice Service Ashfield	Benefice Service at Ashfield  All Welcome	
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm</b> Holy Week Compline	Reader/s tbc	
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am</b> Easter Day Holy Communion	Mike Linda	Linda
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup> 10am</b> Holy Communion	Lesley Margaret	Margaret

## **Charsfield Church Cream Teas**

Cream Teas will return to Charsfield Church

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 3-5pm

And every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday until September



Enjoy home made scones and home made cake!

### **Some facts you may not know about St Peter's Church, Charsfield**

We have recently revised the short Guide to the church, including a large print laminated version. St Peter's is a rather special building and here are a few facts which may be new to you:

- It is a Grade 1 listed building (see [www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk))
- Charsfield's village cenotaph is on the North wall inside the church, listing the fallen of the two World Wars (you may recognise village names); we remember them especially at our Remembrance Services;
- The flushwork frieze along the base of the Tower is unusual and includes a panel with the chalice and wafer on the West side;
- The much admired church clock was a gift in 1930 from Miss Alice Whicker who lived in Brook House, Charsfield;
- The bells are no longer rung and the damaged Treble Bell is in the Porch. It was cast by James Edbere of Bury;
- The bench ends of the front pews were carved by a Mr Lanman of Framlingham and include a man in the stocks and a pelican.

Do pop into the church and pick up a Guide to enjoy all that is there. If you visit in the next week or two, look particularly and enjoy the primroses which look so beautiful at the East end of the churchyard.



## **Charsfield C of E Primary School**

*Aiming high, valuing individuals, celebrating success.*



- Small class sizes
- Forest school and swimming lessons
- Affordable wraparound care 8am-5pm
- Close to Wickham Market, Framlingham & Woodbridge
- Rated 'Good' by Ofsted, 2023
- Pre-school coming soon
- High adult to pupil ratio
- Family feel and supportive staff
- Inclusive, diverse curriculum



***Come and see what a small school can do for your child.***

Church Road, Charsfield, Woodbridge IP13 7QB, [office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk), 01473 737347



## **Coffee Morning**

**Plants, Cakes,  
Books, Bric-a-Brac,  
Raffle & Chat**

**Friday 30 May 2025**

**10am-12noon**

**Hill Farm, Charsfield (opp. Hall Road)**

**Tea/Coffee Cake £5.00**

**Cash payments please**

**Fund raising in aid of St Peter's Church, Charsfield  
Fabric Fund**

Please support by making a cake, donating plants, bric-a-brac, books or a raffle prize. Even better, come and join us! We can collect donated items. Please contact Linda or Margaret 01473 737771 or 01473 737182. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

CHARSFIELD - MARCH CLEANING ROTA	
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Angela & Joyce	Sheila & Pauline



Many thanks to all who clean the Church. Any problems please let Lucy know on 737231. email – foxdial@btinternet.com

### CHARSFIELD RECREATION GROUND

We have an exciting programme of fundraising events coming up –

#### SAVE THE DATES:

##### Saturday 5 July

Afternoon Family Barbeque on the Recreation Ground – details to follow

##### 100 Club

Cash prizes - Numbers always available



**Our committee remains small and new members would be very welcome.**

We are also recruiting volunteers for our 'TASK FORCE' for people who can offer some practical help but do not wish to join the committee.

***For all enquiries, please email – [charsfieldrc@gmail.com](mailto:charsfieldrc@gmail.com)***



*Mary wished she'd never mentioned  
Fresh Expressions of Church*

## CRETINGHAM NOTES

### FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
April	Mrs Cobley	Mr and Mrs Gourlay
May	Mrs Defoe	*Vacant



**No Altar Flowers between Ash Wednesday up to and including Good Friday (12 noon).**

*\*No volunteers for cleaning this month so if anyone can pop in and put a duster around and sweep it would be much appreciated. Thank you x*

### COFFEE and CHAT

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10 -12 noon.** In St. Peters Church.  
Refreshments available during our Easter Stalls Event.



### SERVICES IN ST. PETERS, CRETINGHAM

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Revd Kathleen Martin	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> at St Mary's, Ashfield	<b>10.am</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Stripping of the Altar</b> Revd Wendy Gourlay	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Revd Gary Best	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Baptism</b> Revd Wendy Gourlay	<b>11.15am</b>

### BAPTISM

We are delighted to welcome **Finley Johnson** into the Family of the Church at a special All-Age Worship service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am

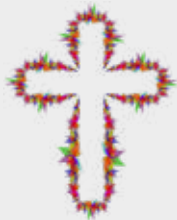


**SUFFOLK MOBILE LIBRARIES calls at Oak Corner, Cretingham**

every 4 weeks on a Thursday from 14.30 – 14.45.

Next two are: - **3<sup>rd</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Do pop along and see them as they are always happy to recommend a good read.



## **CELEBRATING EASTER AT ST. PETERS CRETINGHAM**



**EASTER STALL in CHURCH**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025 10 am to 12 noon**

Join us to browse the stalls, have a chat  
and taste the delicious refreshments on offer.

Also

- ❖ Raffle for Easter Egg and other prizes
- ❖ Coffee & Teas and freshly baked refreshments
- ❖ Produce stall / Books / Homemade Crafts / Plants etc

### **Easter Sunday Service** **20<sup>th</sup> April**

Come and join us for this uplifting service.

***'because you have seen me, you have believed;  
blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed'***

*(John Ch20 v29)*

### **EASTER FLOWERS in Church**

Do pop in and visit to view the stunning flower displays in each window  
and on each ledge celebrating Easter.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS will be taking place in May**

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St. Peters, Cretingham, will be joining other parishes in Dallinghoo Village Hall  
after the Benefice Service to be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's.

## **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN**

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I am standing down this year at the APCM as Churchwarden of St. Peters which will  
create a vacancy. If you are interested in finding out what this entails then please  
contact Rev. Gary Best (details in front cover of this magazine).

I have enjoyed this role but feel it is now time to hand over to someone new.  
I shall still be around as I take the Minutes on the PCC! *Best Wishes, Heather xxxx*

**FROM Alister (Churchwarden)** – I can't let Heather's decision, above, pass  
without expressing our sincere and grateful thanks to her from the whole Church  
community. Heather is the fount of many new ideas for our activities and she (and  
husband, Peter) have given countless hours of their own time to supporting events  
over many years – whilst holding down a busy job four days a week. We are pleased  
she will remain a member of the PCC but I will miss her wise words when we are  
required to act on behalf of the Parish.

St. Peter's Church, Cretingham, PCC  
are holding a

# Beetle Drive

on Saturday

29<sup>th</sup> March 2025

BEETLE DRIVE		
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7	8	9
10	11	12

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN INK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PEN. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PRINTED IN BLOCK CAPITALS. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN FULL. PLEASE PRINT YOUR PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE PRINT YOUR POSTCODE. PLEASE PRINT YOUR COUNTY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR COUNTRY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR OCCUPATION. PLEASE PRINT YOUR AGE. PLEASE PRINT YOUR SEX. PLEASE PRINT YOUR MARITAL STATUS. PLEASE PRINT YOUR RELIGION. PLEASE PRINT YOUR POLITICAL AFFILIATION. PLEASE PRINT YOUR INTERESTS. PLEASE PRINT YOUR HOBBIES. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE COLOR. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE FOOD. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE DRINK. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE BOOK. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE SPORT. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO AVOID. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO ENJOY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE SURPRISED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE CONFUSED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE AMUSED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE DISAPPOINTED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE PLEASED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE SURPRISED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE CONFUSED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE AMUSED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE DISAPPOINTED BY. PLEASE PRINT YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF WEATHER TO BE PLEASED BY.

7 pm in Brandeston

Village Hall

HOT SUPPER and BAR

Adults £12

Children £6

(Cash/Card payments are welcome on the night)

*Lots of frantic dice throwing and of course totally non-competitive ... believe that and you believe anything !!*

To book a place contact Pauline on 01473  
737317 or message Heather on 07895534702  
or email

[heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk)





## DALLINGHOO NOTES

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### CHURCH SERVICES

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Please note the changed service pattern to accommodate Easter,

6<sup>th</sup> April                      6.30pm Evening Prayer

20<sup>th</sup> April                    **11am** Holy Communion for Easter Day

Please check the Benefice service schedule for full details of Holy Week services.



### COFFEE MORNING APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

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Thank you to everyone who made the March coffee morning such a success. It was great to catch up with so many people and the crafts and cakes were very welcome. Over £150 was raised for church funds. Special thanks to Jane and Linda for all their hard work and preparation. The next coffee morning will be on 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 to midday in the church vestry.



### PLANT AND CAKE SALE 19TH APRIL 2-4PM JUBILEE HALL

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The annual Church Repair Fund Plant and Cake sale will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Saturday). All plant and cake donations gratefully received. A great opportunity to stock up for spring in the garden.

## **St Elizabeth Hospice are looking to recruit a team of warm, caring and empathetic Community Volunteers to provide support to people living in their own homes**

The support provided may include tasks such as collecting and delivering shopping, collecting medication, making a snack or drink, lighthouse work and gardening or visiting to provide carer/loved one respite, reassurance or a cup of tea and a chat.

We have many patients requesting support in their own homes, across various locations in Suffolk but in particular – Saxmundham, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Eye, Felixstowe and Stowmarket areas. Visits can sometimes be up to 4 hours, but usually would be much less.

**If you have any questions regarding the role please contact the  
Volunteer Team on 01473 707939 or  
email [volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)**

## READINGS



### April 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Psalms</i>
<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Philippians 3: 4-14 John 12: 1-8	126
<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b> Palm Sunday Benefice Service	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end Luke 19: 28-40	91: 1-11
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12	118: 1-2, 19-end
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-end	150

## CHURCH SERVICES

Church	April 6th	April 13th	April 14th	April 15th	April 16th	April 17th
	Purple	Palm Sunday Red	Holy Week Compline Red	Holy Week Compline Red	Holy Week Compline Red	Maundy Thursday Red
Ashfield	6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	10am Benefice Service GB	X	X	X	X
Charsfield with Debach	X		X	7pm Compline GB	X	X
Cretingham	10am Morning Prayer KM		X	X	X	7pm Stripping of the Altar WG
Dallinghoo	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB		X	X	X	X
Earl Soham	10am Morning Prayer CW		7pm Compline GB	X	X	X
Hoo	8.30am Morning Prayer KM		X	X	X	X
Letheringham	X		X	X	X	X
Monewden	10am Holy Communion GB		X	X	7pm Compline GB	X

# CHURCH SERVICES

Church	April 18th	April 19th	April 20th	April 27th
	Good Friday	Easter Eve	Easter Day White	Easter 2 White
Ashfield	X	X	8.30am Holy Communion GB	X
Charsfield with Debach	X	X	9.30am Holy Communion KM	10am Holy Communion KM
Cretingham	X	X	9.30am Holy Communion GB	11.15am All-Age Worship with Baptism WG
Dallinghoo	X	X	11am Holy Communion KM	X
Earl Soham	9.45am Walk of Witness GB	X	11am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer CW
Hoo	X	X	8.30am Holy Communion KM	X
Letheringham	X	X	9.30am Holy Communion WG	X
Monewden	2pm Hour at the Cross KM	11.30pm Easter Vigil APW	11am Holy Communion WG	10am All-AgeWorship APW

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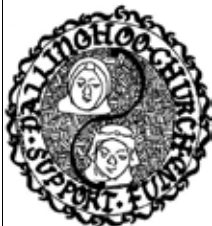
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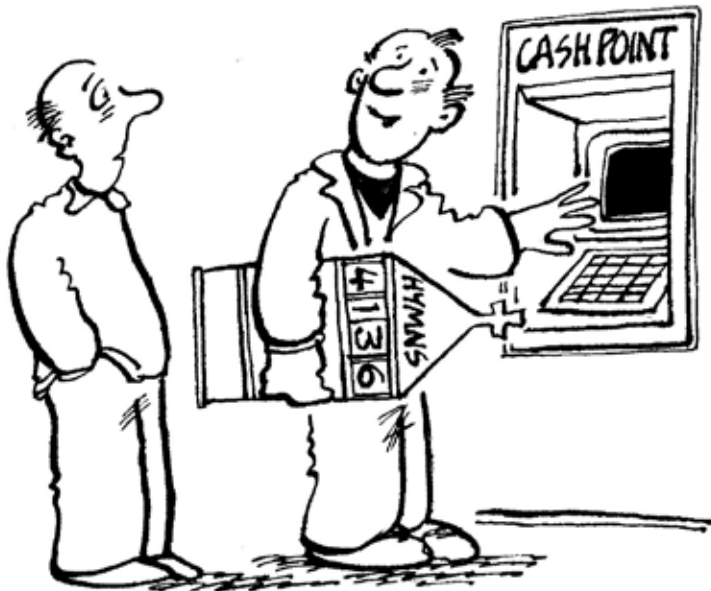
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	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Plant & Cake Sale	St. Mary's, Dallinghoo
<b>June</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Garden & Concert	Hoo
<b>July</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Birthday Garden Party	The Rectory
	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Village Fete	Creetingham
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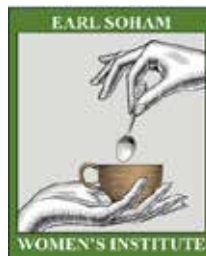
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## MONEDWEN NOTES

### CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers/ Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
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Apr. 6				
Apr. 13	F. Watts	F. Watts & C. Saxby	D. Grier	W. Heath
Apr. 13	Palm Sunday - Benefice Communion at Ashfield			
<i>Reinstate Flowers please</i>				
Apr. 20	W. Heath			
Apr. 27		J. Vonberg	L. Grier	L. Grier

### CHURCH READERS:

April 20, Jill, Paul.

Other Easter Services, TBA.

### EASTER SERVICES

At St. Mary's: Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Evening Service.  
Good Friday 2 p.m. Hour at the Cross. Saturday, Easter Eve  
11.30 p.m. Easter Vigil. April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter Day 11 a.m. Holy  
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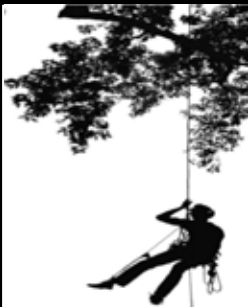
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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May - St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo – 11.30am

## **Hoo**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Hoo Church - 2pm

## **Earl Soham**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham - 7.30pm

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of a church, overseeing the church resources, assets, and buildings, with responsibility for ensuring compliance with policies such as health and safety, and safeguarding. The PCC also collaborates with the Rector and Ministry Team in discerning and promoting the mission and ministry of the church.

The PCC is required to hold an APCM at which reports are shared, accounts approved, new members and officers are elected and questions may be asked about any area of the church's ministry.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting and raise questions; only those on the electoral roll may vote in any formal resolutions that might be made.

**If you would like to become more involved in your local church,  
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