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

February 2025



Benefice Service

Cretingham - 10am
Sunday 2nd February

All Welcome

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Who's Who continues on the inside back cover

The Deadline for contributions panel
MARCH 2025 ISSUE is
Sunday 16th February

MID LOES BENEFICE

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

February 2025

From The Rectory...

So, here we are again, the start of a New Year, a time of the year which seems to come upon us quicker each year. I was told recently that to wish people a Happy New Year after the 15th January is not good etiquette....really? Well, here goes...to those I have not seen over the Christmas and New Year period, a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope and pray that it is a good one, and year full of joy and peace for each of us.

But what does the New Year look like for us? As part of a Candlemas Course that is currently under way, one of the tasks the group had to undertake was to buy a daily newspaper and mark all the good and the bad articles contained within. Guess what...the bad articles won by a mile! Why is there an obsession with bad news in this country? Yes, sadly there is a lot of it around, but how do we start acknowledging all the good that goes on within our communities and wider society? Perhaps we should launch our own 'Daily Happy Times' newspaper, highlighting the good that is carried out by so many people who care about others, who care about their community. Who knows, but what I do know is that I look forward to another year of happy times, serving in a benefice where there is so much good undertaken on a daily basis by so many people.

At Christmas I talked about New Year Resolutions, perhaps something you have considered this year, or perhaps something that you started but have already failed. Don't worry, one study shows 88% of resolutions fail within two weeks!

I talked about Father Christmas v Jesus, with Father Christmas being around once a year. Presents being received, put into a cupboard, and never to be seen again. Presents that simply break or we just stop using them after a week or two. But the gifts that Jesus brings last forever. Jesus doesn't bring us toys, he brings us something even better and much more useful. He brings us salvation, and salvation goes on forever, and it doesn't need batteries. Salvation is being saved by God to know him. And it's the best gift that we could ever receive.

Right now, possibly more than ever in our lives, we look to Jesus for hope for the future, Jesus being the light arriving into our lives, the light that brings joy and hope for today and for the future.

So, if you don't think it is too late to start a New Year Resolution, or to simply add to your existing resolutions, I offer you three to consider, resolutions that are gifts to each and every one of us to take and to share.

LOVE - love is the most distinguishing characteristic, 'everyone knows that you are my disciples if you love one another'. Jesus exuded love to everyone he encountered, whether saint or sinner. Let us continue to love one another, whether Christian or not, it is a gift that can be freely given.

COMPASSION - Compassion is borne out of love for others. It means 'to suffer together'. Compassion compels us to come alongside and partner with someone who is suffering, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. Let us continue to show compassion to all those around us who are in need.

PRAYER – Prayer is a great way to exchange our own wishes and to listen and discern what God might like us to do. Prayer is a way to bring a community together to pray for something or someone specific in our lives or in our community. Prayer is a way of saying sorry, but it is also a means of giving thanks for all that we have in life.

As we move into this New Year, I am sure we all have exciting projects to look forward to, within the community, at work, or with family and friends, but we must continue to consider love, compassion and prayer within our New Year Resolutions, and we must remember to give thanks for all that we have around us, to be grateful for the people around us, and for the community in which we live.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary

Save the Date



For Church events taking place across the Benefice

March	1st	Call My Bluff	Brandeston Village Hall
	29th	Beetle Drive	Brandeston Village Hall
April	19th	Easter Stalls	St. Peter's, Cretingham
	19th	Plant & Cake Sale	St. Mary's, Dallinghoo
June	8th	Open Garden & Concert	Hoo
July	5th	Birthday Garden Party	The Rectory
	5th	Village Fete	Cretingham
August	2nd	Village Fete	Earl Soham
	23rd	Vicar's Tea Party	The Rectory

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 13th February
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 or 01473 737285

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ASHFIELD NOTES



THANK YOU

A belated thank you to everyone who joined us for the Carol Service at St Mary's. The evening was a great success all round. A first for Ashfield was a selection of 'seasonal music' played by Ruth and Des Hart before and after the service, much appreciated by all. I am grateful to all that took an active part in the service itself. When the service was over almost everyone joined us at the back of the church for mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine when there was much lively chatter and despite the cold evening people were in no hurry to go home. Thank you to Revd Gary for putting the service together and officiating. Looking ahead a date for your diaries I am looking to the 2025 Carol Service taking place on Monday 22nd December at 7pm.

FOODBANK DONATIONS



The generosity of Ashfield residents to this very worthy cause in the run up to Christmas was quite staggering. I went in and seeing produce on top of the box thought someone couldn't open the lid, it wasn't that, the box was completely full and overflowing! All of this was delivered to FIND for distribution before Christmas. Thank you everyone.

For the time being the collection box has been moved inside the back of the church where donations can be placed at any time and are cleared regularly. *Robert*

DONATIONS TO ST MARY'S

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*



FOOTPATHS

Whilst it has been rather wet underfoot recently I hope that you have had a chance to go for a walk or two.

Do please let Malcolm Pease or myself know if you encounter any issues on the network so that any necessary corrective action can be taken. *Robert*



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

CHARSFIELD RECREATION GROUND

We have an exciting programme of fundraising events coming up –

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 2 February

Brunch in the village hall – 10.30 to 12.30 – free entry

Friday 7 February

Music and Entertainment with open bar in the village hall –
7.00 to 10.00pm – free entry

Friday 14 March

Quiz in the village hall – details to follow

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.

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7th and 21st March

7pm to 10pm





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CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

We were delighted to host the Ipswich Hospital Band at the Village Carol Service held in St. Peters Church, Charsfield in December. Over 60 adults and children attended the service where the band played an introduction and then accompanied the Christmas Carols as the service proceeded. The band then played festive songs after which refreshments and spiced drinks were served. The Village Hall Bar was also open to go to afterwards to continue the festive spirit!

Generous donations of £300 were received with thanks and the proceeds will go to the Church Fabric Fund. Thankyou to the Band for playing and giving the service such a lovely atmosphere and all the readers who included one brave 6 year old.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

The World Day of Prayer service this year will be held at St. Peter's Charsfield on Friday March 7th at 2:30pm. The service will focus on the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean and the theme 'I made you wonderful'. The Day of prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries and all are welcome to join our service in the Benefice.

CHARSFIELD - FEBRUARY CLEANING ROTA	
February 8th	February 22nd
Margaret & Stephanie	Lucy



CHARSFIELD - CHURCH ROTA		
Date	Readers	Sides person
Feb 2nd 10 am Benefice Service Holy Communion Cretingham	Benefice Holy Communion at Cretingham All Welcome	
Feb 9th	No Service at Charsfield Please check the Church Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
Feb 16th 4 pm Evening Prayer	Mike Linda	Linda
Feb 23rd 10 am Holy Communion	Lesley Margaret	Margaret

**Charsfield Recreation Committee
invites you to a**

Quiz Night

**on 14th March at 7:30
in Charsfield Village Hall**

Tickets £5 a person.

Bring your own snacks.

Bar open and accepts card only

**All proceeds will go to essential maintenance
and repairs of the Recreation Ground.**



For tickets

please email s.a.crone@btinternet.com

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

Charsfield - February Flower Rota			
February 1st	February 8th	February 15th	February 22nd
Angela Farmer	Bev Gugenheim	Bev Gugenheim	Sheila Green



NEWS FROM CHARSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Happy New Year from everyone at Charsfield Primary School.
Here is our most recent news.



Before Christmas, children, staff, and parents joined together for a Carol and Christingle service in the church which was led by Rev. Gary. We followed the story of the birth of Jesus, read by our older pupils. A big highlight for the children was receiving an advent calendar from Rev. Gary which told them the story of advent as they opened each window (I believe there was a tasty chocolate to enjoy each day too!)

Keeping with the theme of Christmas, our Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils performed a wonderful Nativity – The Smartest King in Town. The children worked hard to learn their lines and remember the song words. We were delighted to share this with so many parents and relatives, who thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

As an end of term treat, we took the whole school to watch Aladdin at the Theatre Royal in Bury St. Edmunds. The children loved sitting up in the gallery and learning about the history of the building before the performance. For some of our pupils this was the first time they had visited a theatre or watched a pantomime. Thank-you to the PTA who helped to fund this trip.

Forest school sessions are very popular with our pupils. We are incredibly lucky to have a forest school area on our school grounds so pupils across the school take part in these sessions throughout the Spring and Summer terms. As the weather has been so cold, Oak Class pupils built a campfire to keep warm! They have enjoyed building shelters, exploring nature, solving problems, and using tools to make bug houses, walking sticks and decorations. The children learn teamwork skills, become more confident to take risks and become resilient when things don't go as expected!



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued



Pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be joining children from other schools to take part in multi-skills sports competitions in a few weeks time. The children love having the opportunities to take part in these competitions and always try their best to work together.

We are very excited to announce that we are hosting a Little City event in our school hall on the morning of Tuesday 25th March. This event is open to all parents and their children (under 5) – please see <https://www.littlecityuk.com/> for more information. Keep an eye out on our social media (Facebook and Instagram) for updates.

We do have spaces in some year groups, so if you are looking for schooling in the area and would like to arrange a visit, please email, or call the school office. 01473 737347 office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk

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CRETINGHAM NOTES



FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
February	As per rota	Mrs & Mrs Runacres
March	As per rota	Vacant

CHURCH SERVICES IN ST. PETERS DURING FEBRUARY

February 2nd - 10am

Candlemas Benefice Service

Choir rehearsing from 9am - All are Welcome!

February 9th Morning Prayer 10am

February 16th Holy Communion 10am



THE SUFFOLK MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Will be in Crettingham on Thursday 6th February at 2.30pm – come along and say hello.

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COFFEE & CHAT

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We look forward to seeing you



DON'T FORGET

SHROVE TUESDAY Tuesday 4th March – enjoy your Pancakes!

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Saturday 29th March 2025 – book the date in your diary **NOW!**

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DALLINGHOO NOTES

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Dallinghoo PCC, we'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to:

Di & Peter Turner for donating the Christmas tree, Linda for delivering the Parish Magazine and for all she does for the village church, including sorting the flowers, the advent wreath & both her and Jane for regularly cleaning the church.

Chris for maintaining the churchyard & Everyone who contributes to looking after our Church throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and Father Christmas didn't disappoint, this year turning up on a Jet Ski. We raised a grand total of £573.47



DIARY DATES

1st March: Coffee & Chat to include cake & craft stalls - 10.30am-12noon



19th April: DALLINGHOO PLANT & CAKE SALE

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Dallinghoo
Church Vestry* Please join us for
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Coffee &
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Saturday 1st February
10.30am - 12 noon



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READINGS

February 2025

Date	Readings	Psalm
February 2nd Benefice Service Candlemas	Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40	Psalm 24: 1-end
February 9th	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	138
February 16th	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	1
February 23rd	Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22-25	65



...are you late with your 'Vicar's Letter' again, dear?

CHURCH SERVICES

February 2025

Church	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th	February 23rd
	Candlemas	4th Before Lent	3rd Before Lent	2nd Before Lent
	White	Green	Green	Green
Ashfield		4pm Evening Prayer VB	8.30am Holy Communion GB	X
Charsfield with Debach		X	4pm Evening Prayer KM	10am Holy Communion WG
Cretingham	10am Benefice HC GB	10am Morning Prayer GB	10am Holy Communion KM	X
Dallinghoo		4pm Holy Communion KM	10am All-Age Worship CW	X
Earl Soham		10am All-Age Worship WG	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer GB
Hoo		8.30am Holy Communion GB	X	8.30am Morning Prayer KM
Letheringham		X	X	X
Monewden		10am Holy Communion KM	X	10am All-Age Worship KM

Key to Service Leader:

GB = Revd Gary Best;

KM = Revd Kathleen Martin;

WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay;

APW = Amber Pearce Williams, Lay Elder;

MV = Mary Vellacott, Lay Elder;

CW = Churchwarden;

VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.



BENEFACTICE SERVICES

Sunday 2nd March - Monewden

Sunday 6th April - Ashfield



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.

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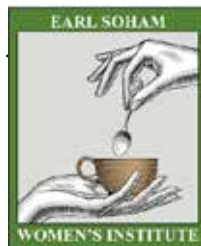
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EARL SOHAM NOTES

EARL SOHAM WI

A thriving, growing and friendly group. We hold interesting, informative and fun meetings. These are usually on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7.00pm at Brandeston Village Hall. New members from Earl Soham and the surrounding villages/ areas are most welcome.



Next meeting:

23rd January – 7.00pm – The Life of Leonard Cheshire

Barbara McElroy will tell us all about his life and achievements

27th February – 7.00pm – Stories behind the Stones

With Jeanette Robinson

Find us at www.sefwi.org.uk or contact Eleri Whitham – 01728 628614



Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses- St. Mary's

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March	Mrs Peacher - Brasses only
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ST MARYS EARL SOHAM

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

KEEP THE DATE

Saturday 8th February 2025

7 for 7.30 pm

Earl Soham Village Hall

Traditional 3 course haggis supper

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maviskerridge@gmail.com

IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH FABRIC FUND

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

'IN FLANDERS'

Sunday 24th November 2024

We were privileged and delighted to welcome back local resident Garry Magee -greatly talented and celebrated baritone, together with the very talented and also much celebrated, Claire Weston (Soprano) and the acclaimed Christine Whiffen (pianist), to The Priory Church of St.Mary, Letheringham for a wonderful performance of 'In Flanders' a programme specially put together by Garry and Claire.

This recital, in aid of St.Mary's Restoration Fund, took us on a moving journey through some the the most poignant and uplifting songs composed during the early 20th Century, covering the period from just before the outbreak of World War I, through to the years of peace that followed.

We were all transfixed by the wonderful voices of both Garry and Claire, and the talented accompaniment of pianist Christine.

Thanks to their excellent performance, and to all those who supported the event, just over £1000 was raised for the much needed restoration work at St.Mary's.

'HEIGH HO - THE HOLLY'

Sunday 5th January 2025

After having to postpone the concert in early December due to bad weather and local flooding, we were delighted to welcome the trio 'Hexachordia' to St. Mary's, for the first time. The 'early music' trio presented a delightful programme, playing authentic copies of old instruments including the gittern, vielle, crumhorn, lute, viol, recorder and bagpipes. As we discovered, many of today's seasonal carols and traditions have their origins in the Medieval and Tudor eras, and we were treated to a very festive afternoon of 'mirth and merriment' on '12th Night' !

Thanks to their delightful and entertaining performance and the support of those who attended, just over £350 was raised for the Restoration Fund of St.Mary's church.

LPCC FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising efforts are going well and more events are in the early planning stages for 2025. We hope to announce in the coming few months the start of the building of a much needed toilet facility in the grounds of the Church, which will certainly enhance the ability to hold more events and concerts.

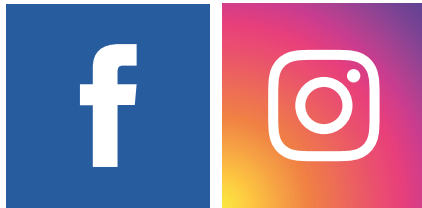
*In the meantime we wish friends, parishioners and neighbours
a very Happy and Healthy 2025!*

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES continued

VOLUNTEERS

The Letheringham PCC would very much like to hear from anybody in the village who would be interested in joining their 'team' -we are a small friendly group - but being 'small' means that we could really benefit from more help. No task is too onerous: from arranging flowers in the church one weekend a month, to helping set up for concerts, to delivering Benefice magazines to the local community - just a few hours of your time would make the world of difference.

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CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers/Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
Feb. 2	Benefice HC at Cretingham			
Feb. 9	J. Coe	J. Vonberg	L. Grier	C. Saxby
Feb. 23	A. Hamilton	W. Heath	J. Dinwiddy	L. Grier

READERS FOR FEBRUARY:

9th Wendy, Brian.

100 CLUB WINNERS:

Dec. '24: 1 £75 F. Whitbread, 2 £50 F. Watts, 3 £25 K. Martin.

Jan. '25: 1 £25 S Clarke, 2 £15 S. Rose, 3 £10 W. Weeks

PCC MEETING:

There will be a PCC meeting on Thursday, February 13th, 7.30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Firs Farm.

TOY SERVICE:

The combined Toy Service with Dallinghoo, which was held at St. Mary's, Monewden on December 8, was a great success. There was a very good attendance from both parishes. A large number of gifts were donated which went to the Salvation Army, along with the collection of £192.

A letter of appreciation from the Salvation Army has been received by the benefice.



SATURDAY CAFE

Our next **SATURDAY CAFE** will be on Saturday, February 15th from 10 a.m. onwards. Real coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, this monthly event is now very popular. The 100 Club draw prizes for February will be drawn at this event.



SERVICES AT MONNEWDEN

February 9th
Holy Communion

February 23rd
All-Age Worship

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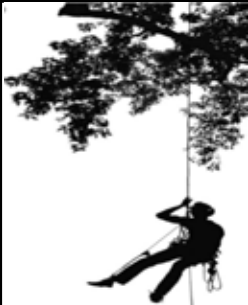
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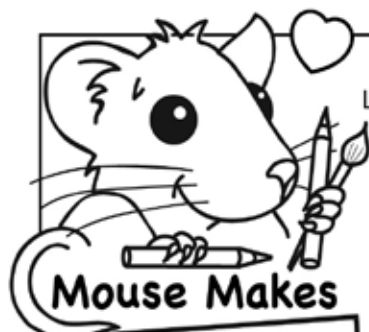
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love is _____
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 it is not _____
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others, it is not self-

it is not easily _____
 it keeps no record of _____

Love delights in

it always _____

from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The steadfast **love** of the Lord never _____;
 His _____
 never come to an end;
 they are new every _____

Lamentations 3:20-23



I pray... you will understand...
 the greatness of Christ's **love**,

how _____
 and how _____
 and how _____
 that **love** is.
 Ephesians 3:18-19

God is **love**.
 whoever _____
 in **love** _____
 in God, and God _____
 in them.

1 John 4:16

Give _____
 to the Lord, for He is _____
 his steadfast **love**
 endures _____

Psalm 136:1

HOW DOES
 GOD LOVE ME?

God sent me a saviour:

He sent His one and only
 Son into the world so
 that we might have
 eternal life through Him.

1 John 4:9

God gave me His spirit:

He has given you the
 Holy Spirit to fill our hearts
 with His **love**.

Romans 5:5

God called me His child:

See what great **love** the
 Father has for us that He
 would call us His children.

1 John 1:3

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus told us to:

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Matthew 22:37

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