

DIARY DATES

Thursday 4 October	Ladies' Lunch, 12.15pm, Church Room, Onehouse Candlestick Club, 2pm, Buxhall Village Hall
Friday 5 October	Indian Supper, 7pm, Pettiward Hall
Sunday 7 October	Harvest Festival, 11am, St Andrew's Church
Wednesday 10 October	Primary School harvest Festival, 10am, St Andrew's Church
Thursday 11 October	Garden Club , 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall
Saturday 13 October	Under 5s' Autumn Shopper and Road Show, 10am – 1pm, Pettiward Hall Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Buxhall Village Hall
Sunday 14 October	Onehouse Ramblers Short Walk, 3pm, Church Room, Onehouse
Thursday 18 October	Charity Bingo (in aid of Pettiward Hall) 7pm, Pettiward Hall
Saturday 20 October	Coffee Morning, 10.30am to noon, 3, Chapel Close, Buxhall
Sunday 21 October	Sunday Explorers, 4.30 – 5.30pm, St Andrew's Church
Monday 29 October	Pram Service, 2.15pm, St Mary's Church, Buxhall
Tuesday 30 October	FHOBS Lunch Club, approx. noon, Buxhall Village Hall

Services at St Andrew's in September

2 September	6.30pm	Evening Service
Thursday 4 October	10am	Holy Communion
7 October	11am	Harvest Festival Time2 Worship
14 October	6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation
Thursday 18 October	10am	Holy Communion
21 October	11am	Holy Communion
28 October	11am	Time2Worship and Baptism

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR OCTOBER

Priest-in-charge: The Revd Lindsay Llewellyn MacDuff, The Rectory, Onehouse
Telephone: 01449 616010

Weekday Morning Prayer 8.00 - 8.30 am Monday: Onehouse; Friday: Great Finborough

Thursday 4 October 10 am Holy Communion (1) Finborough

7 October

<u>Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4, 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10</u>	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am Sung Eucharist (1)	Buxhall
9.30 am Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland
11 am Harvest Festival Time2Worship	Finborough
6.30 pm Harvest Festival	Harleston

Thursday 11 October 10 am Holy Communion (2) Shelland

14 October

<u>2 Kings 5.1-3,6-15c, 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19</u>	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am Holy Communion (2)	Shelland
9.30 am Matins	Buxhall
11 am Holy Communion (1)	Harleston
11 am Family Service + baptism	Onehouse
6.30 pm Deanery Confirmation	Finborough

Thursday 18 October 10 am Holy Communion (1) Finborough

21 October

<u>Genesis 32.22-31, 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5, Luke 18.1-8</u>	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am Matins	Shelland
11 am Holy Communion (1)	Finborough
11 am Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse

Thursday 25 October 10 am Holy Communion (2) Shelland

28 October

Isaiah 45.22-25, Romans 15.1-6, Luke 4.16-24

9.30 am Holy Communion (2)
9.30 am Holy Communion (1)
11 am Time2Worship + Baptism
11 am Holy Communion (1)
4 pm Songs of Praise

Last Sunday of Trinity

Buxhall
Harleston
Finborough
Onehouse
Harleston

Notes to services: Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1)
Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)

Pop in For Coffee at St Andrew's

Saturday mornings

from 10.30am to Noon

Starting Saturday 8th September

This is an informal opportunity to have coffee and a chat - perhaps when you're passing on a stroll around the village or visiting the churchyard.

There may even be an opportunity to buy some garden produce!

Sunday Explorers

Now meeting Third Sunday each month

4.30 – 5.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Finborough

Next Session: Sunday 21 October

Games, crafts, stories, singing (and who knows what else!)

Open to all between 7 and 12 years, if you'd like more information just contact Trudy (674819) or Nigel (675344).

EACH Stowmarket & District Friend's Group invite you to-

DANCE TO BACKTRACK (50s 60s 70s 80s)

AT STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL

SAT 17TH NOVEMBER-8.00 PM

£6 EACH INC LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

BAR AVAILABLE- RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO EACH

TICKETS FROM MARION 01449 675447 OR ROSIE 01449-676504

Find out more about East Anglia's Children's Hospices at www.each.org.uk

Report from the September Parish Council Meeting

This was a quieter meeting than usual with less to report back, probably due to the holiday period. A problem of trees in Oak Close being vandalised by young people was raised. Please can parents keep an eye on their children and check what they get up to out of sight. Some have been behaving in a dangerous way when playing near these trees and have caused passing cars to sound their horns as a warning.

Sorry to grizzle again but it appears that someone has been using the dog refuse bin to dispose of all dog waste from their garden causing it to be too full for others to use. Please use your own bin to dispose of wrapped dog mess from your garden and just use the doggie bins when out walking so there is enough room for everyone to use them. Your consideration for others is greatly appreciated.

News and views from your District Councillor, John Matthissen

Most important matter this month is Land Bids. These are plots of land, big and small, put forward by owners for inclusion as development land in our forthcoming Local Plan, now known as the Local Development Framework, LDF. Parish Councils are commenting on the merits of the bids, and then at the end of the year the District Council will trim the list to those we think are reasonable, and sufficient to accommodate the 8300 homes we must find space for between now and 2021. Some land is already allocated, and some land will be redeveloped, known as "brown field."

Thank you to everyone who has so far given me trees to plant this winter. News next time of the dates for tree planting, and places they will go.

The threat to village shops is very grave, as the decision to close 2500 post offices seems to have already been taken. We have only Finborough post office locally, so I appeal to everyone to "use it or lose it" as the old slogan goes, especially for newspapers and car tax, which most people must buy.

An opportunity for a visit to the Materials Reclamation Facility (MRF) at Great Blakenham has been offered, and anyone interested should let me know at once, as places are very limited. It is a chance to see what happens to all the stuff you put in your green wheelie bin.

Anyone wishing to object to a planning application on highway or traffic grounds, especially parish councils, should note that objections sent to Mid Suffolk do not get forwarded to Suffolk County Council, the Highways Authority. As a Planning Committee member, it is difficult for us to refuse an application because of likely highways problems unless SCC has expressed its concerns. Highways objections should be sent direct to the Development Control Department at Endeavour House, Ipswich AS WELL AS the Planning Department at Needham Market.

To get in touch,;
call 01449 771742 or email john.matthissen@midsuffolk.gov.uk or you could write a letter to me at 3 Wash Lane Corner, Great Finborough IP14 3BJ

Candlestick Club: Over 60s

Last month almost 30 members and friends had a lovely half-day trip with Big John's Tours. We stopped for an excellent carvery meal just outside Kings Lynn and a different road on the way home made a change of scenery. All in all, a nice half-day excursion out.

Our October meeting is at Buxhall Village Hall on Thursday 4th at 2pm. A driving school examiner is coming to talk to us about Over 60s' driving and update us on new traffic laws and conditions. A very topical subject we just must not miss. Also our subscriptions are due – so please bring some money with you.

New members are always welcome – contact Keith (736598) or Hilary (615492)

Onehouse Ramblers

Seven people and two dogs had a lovely walk on a glorious Sunday afternoon in mid-September.

The next walk will be on **Sunday 14th October. Meet at the Church Room car park on Forest Road at 3pm for a fairly gentle walk of about an hour.**

Dogs with their owners on leads welcome.

If you are interested, but can't make that date, do let me know.

Derek Ames, (Tel. 613328)

The Youth Committee - "Team Finborough"

On Tuesday the 18th September the youth of Great Finborough were invited to a meeting, just for them, at the Pettward Hall. The youngsters can form their own committee and run meetings to discuss what the village lacks in facilities for the youngsters and will be able to access funding to provide money to create new facilities.

WHAT A TURNOUT!!! 28 youngsters aged 11-15 years came to the village hall to find out more. Gal Travis from Mid Suffolk District Council chaired the meeting to tell the youngsters how to go about forming a committee. The youngsters were very enthusiastic about the village where they live. As a group they were positive and responsive. What a fantastic group of youngsters we have in this village.

They are next meeting on **Tuesday 2nd October and if you are aged 11-17 years you should come along at 7pm, at the Pettward Hall AND HAVE YOUR SAY.**
CALLING ALL ADULTS/PARENTS

We also discussed at the same meeting whether the youth would like a regular youth club/youth cafe. It was agreed that a youth group will be held once a week for the youngsters, hopefully starting in October/November. As with all new ventures we will need adult supervision for the youth club. The response from the last newsletter was good but not quite good enough!! If every adult is able to commit just a little time, be it once a month or twice a year, it will lessen the burden on others. If everyone helps a little, it will not end-up falling on the shoulders of a few dedicated adults. With 28 youngsters turning up, there is a need. **So we need you!!.**

Contact one of the team if you feel you may be able to help - Chris Nettleton, Mandy Murkin or Debbie Ball - email deborah.ball1@virgin.net

Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5s

Marquee for Hire: 3mx9m

£30 hire (including £15 refundable deposit)

We have recently purchased a white marquee to erect at our outdoor fundraising events. Members of the parish may also hire this for their own private event (at own risk and damages must be paid for). Please speak to Nic Foss (treasurer) for further information and to book on 736175.

Help!

Autumn Shopper Saturday 13 October

We would be very grateful for any cakes or items for our nearly new stalls (please no books or McDonalds toys) phone Nic Foss on 736175 to arrange collection.

Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5s

Autumn Shopper & Open Day

Saturday 13 October 10am – 1pm

Pettward Hall

Lots of stalls: Phoenix Cards, Body Shop, Usborne Books, Virgin Vie, Chocoholics, Tish Tash Toys, Pampered Chef and many more.

Raffle, Refreshments and Cake Stall

Our Pre-School Rooms will also be open - so come along and see what our children do and how we operate.

Visits to Christmas Shows

I have booked 53 seats at Snape Maltings on Saturday 15th December for the Co-op Juniors' Christmas Show starting at 4pm.

Also 53 seats for the London Production of Cinderella on Saturday 5th January , 2pm at the Regent Theatre, Ipswich.

They are all good seats.

Details from Evelyn Fisher (736228)

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

VACANCY, EDITOR

We tend to take for granted that our newsletter appears month after month year after year and is delivered to every household in the village. Of course, it doesn't happen by accident and relies on a number of volunteers - to whom we are very grateful - to make sure you have timely news about what's happening on your doorstep. Paramount amongst those volunteers is the newsletter editor: that's a role that has been superbly managed by Trudy Gray for the last nine years and after a sterling contribution Trudy has decided she would like to suspend her word processor, ideally at the end of this year. Many thanks to Trudy for a great stint as Editor.

That, of course, means that we're on the look out for a new Editor. The role is voluntary, so does require someone who has a modicum of time to commit to it, but most important is the ability to spin a few words together, edit sensitively and is interested in what goes on in Great Finborough. It's an opportunity, perhaps, to take the newsletter in a new direction, but most important is maintaining the continuity of a publication which now has a long and distinguished history in keeping our neighbours informed about what's going on. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Trudy Gray, the existing Editor on 674819 or Richard Brice, Parish Council Chairman on 676249.

VACANCY, NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

If wordsmithing isn't your bag, but you'd like to be involved in supporting the newsletter in a practical way, we're also looking for someone to collate, fold and pass batches of newsletters to Parish Councillors (or their partners!) who then deliver them to individual houses. Cathy Croome has undertaken this key role for a number of years and also wishes to hand over. Many thanks to Cathy too. Fancy the job - please speak to Richard Brice (676249).

Great Finborough CEVC Primary School

Some dates for your diaries

Wednesday 10 October

School Harvest festival at St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough
10am all welcome

Friday 30 November

Community Assembly at the School
2.45pm: again all welcome!

At the beginning of the month the school is again having a 'Whole School Walk' across the fields to Buxhall Church where there will be an opportunity for a look around the church. This is on the afternoon of 4th October and we hope that the weather will again be kind to us on this occasion.

All families are welcome to drop in after school for the School Book Fair which runs from **Wednesdays 10 to 17 October**.

And Advance Notice of activities at Christmas!

The first week of December sees the performances of our Christmas Play – more details later.

We're beginning to think of ideas for our involvement in the Crib Festival at St Andrew's Church, Finborough over the weekend of 15/16 December and will be hosting Community Christmas Carols on Thursday 13 December. The School carol Service will take place on Wednesday 19 December at St Mary's Church, Buxhall.

Look forward to welcoming you at some or all of our planned events.

Charity Bingo

The next Charity Bingo will be to raise funds for Pettiward Hall.
7pm , Thursday 18th October at the Pettiward hall.

All welcome (children accompanied by an adult)
Bingo, Raffle and Refreshments.

If you would like more information please ring Sharla Goldsmith (678480) or Mari Green (770032)

Michael Green

Michael has spent the last three years in Jordan, working for the Church Mission Society as a learning-disabilities nurse with the Palestine Hospital. This is part of a community-based rehabilitation network, providing programmes for children and adults with any type of disability. His work is with the traditional Bedouin peoples, even if most of them have now settled in houses. He travels out to four main centres and from these he makes "house calls." On Saturdays he has a clinic at the Palestine Hospital, allowing for more detailed assessment or follow-up.

On Saturday 17th November Michael will be at the Church Room, Onehouse, during the events listed below. He will be speaking about his work and answering any questions.

- ❖ **Men's Breakfast at 8.00am**
- ❖ **Coffee at 10.30am**
- ❖ **Light Lunch at noon**

Any donations would be appreciated to support Michael's work for the Church Mission Society.

Further details from Derek Ames (Tel. 613328)

**Some Songs to Sing,
a story to listen to,
a drink and a biscuit!**

**You will be very welcome at the Pram Service
In October Monday 29th
2.15pm at Buxhall Church**

If you'd like to come along small children are not essential!

Enquiries to Lindsay (616010) - who will be bringing her children along!

"On the Edge"

**Sunday 7th October in the Church Room, Onehouse,
starting at 11am with coffee or tea, followed by any questions on
"What more would you like to know about the Christian faith?"**

All welcome

among the churches, the Sung Eucharist at Buxhall being the most formal. This and the Order 2 services use the language of Thomas Cranmer's 16th century prayer book. Other communion services in the Benefice use more modern language.

Matins

This is the form of Morning Prayer set out in the 16th century prayer book. It focuses on reading and reciting passages of scripture as much as on set prayers. It is often chanted, with hymns.

Time 2 Worship and Family Services

These services are generally slightly shorter (c.45minutes) and are aimed at those who prefer a more relaxed approach to worship. The talk is less formal than the 'traditional' sermon and any children present are generally encouraged to take a more active part in the service if they wish.

A space for reflection

The Reflective Morning Prayer, the occasional Celtic Evening Prayer and Taizé services are all provide more gently paced services. They are very different in nature: the Taizé service is characterised by the use of distinctive simple chants; the Celtic service frequently includes a variety of symbols or simple actions within the worship.

This is only a simple outline – of course there are as well lots of seasonal variations. You are very welcome to come and see and try out the different styles of worship to see what suits. If you would like any more information do contact me or Trudy.



St Andrew's Church

Harvest Festival, Sunday 7 October, 11am.

Do join us for our Harvest service when we will be celebrating the generosity of God in the abundance and variety of harvest.

As part of our harvest celebrations we will be supporting work to support rural communities, especially in India, helping people to reach their full potential – sowing seeds of hope.

*A service suitable for all ages – all will be very welcome.
Hope that you are able to join us.*

The service will be followed by a **'Bring and Share' lunch** in the church – anyone who wishes to stay for this will be welcome.

The **Indian Supper on Friday 5 October** which forms part of our celebrations is proving very popular. As we go to press it looks as if it's a sell-out! However if you're interested there may still be a possibility of squeezing a couple more in – contact Trudy (674819)

Would you like to help with decorating the church for Harvest festival?

Offers of produce, and seasonal greenery, berries etc. would be gratefully received. The main decorating will be done Saturday 6 October from 9.30am to 11.30am – just come along. If you would like to help but can't make it then, please contact Lesley Cass (675970) or Brenda Grimaldi (612440).

Advance Notice of Crib Festival

As part of the preparation for Christmas a display of Nativity Figures, Christmas Cribs, is planned for the weekend of 15/16 December. Help in the organisation of this would be appreciated – e.g. with publicity, helping to plan and set up the display or perhaps on hour at the church to welcome visitors. If you would like to be involved please contact Trudy (674829).

Do you have any Nativity Figures you could lend for the display?
(Again - contact Trudy)

Church Cycle Ride Thanks

My sincere thanks to all those who sponsored me for the Historic Churches cycle ride on Saturday 8th September. I was able to visit 39 Churches covering a total of 59 miles and meeting on route some lovely people. The total amount I raised was £180.00. Many thanks again.
Pat Turner.

And thanks too to Pat for her mammoth effort!

The New Service Pattern for the churches of the Great Finborough Benefice

Finally, after a year's fiddling about we have finally settled on a new pattern of services! There are several significant changes to the pattern we used a year ago.

First of all I hope you'll notice that in most of the churches now, the service is at the same time every week for simplicity's sake. A consequence of this is that there are no longer any 8am services, though the 8am 'style' (ie quiet with no hymns) is maintained at the service in Buxhall on the fourth Sunday. Most of the churches now have two Communion services and one service that is not, so that there is a range of services in *each church* across the month; and also we have tried to make sure there is a variety of styles of worship available *across the benefice* week by week: formal and informal, communion and non-communion, and modern and traditional rites*. As before, when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, we worship all together in one of our five churches.

However this pattern is simply the default order of services that we apply to each month as it comes round, but it will be thrown by Harvest Festivals (last month and this month), Remembrance Sunday (next month), Christmas (December), Patronal Festivals* (January, May, June, September and November/December) Memorial Services, Baptisms and Easter. So there will only be a handful of months of the year when the whole pattern will run as below! Nevertheless I trust that the new pattern will give you the opportunity to navigate the worship on offer here in this benefice with a sense of predictability and confidence.

	Buxhall	Finborough	Harleston	Shelland	Onehouse
Week 1	9.30 am <i>Sung Eucharist Order 1</i>	11 am <i>Holy Communion Order 1</i>	11 am <i>Matins</i>	9.30 am <i>Reflective MP</i>	6.30 pm <i>Evening service</i>
Week 2	9.30 am <i>Matins/T2W</i>	6.30 pm <i>Evening service</i>	11 am <i>Holy Communion Order 1</i>	9.30 am <i>Holy Communion Order 2</i>	11 am <i>Family Service</i>
Week 3		11 am <i>Holy Communion Order 1</i>		9.30 am <i>Matins</i>	11 am <i>Family Communion (order 1)</i>
Week 4	9.30 am <i>Said Holy Communion Order 2 (no hymns)</i>	11 am <i>Time2Worship</i>	9.30 am <i>Holy Communion Order 1</i>		11 am <i>Holy Communion Order 1</i>
Week 5	10.30 <i>Benefice Eucharist</i>				

Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff

* Matins and 'order 2' communion services are what you might remember from Church of England services attended as a child, the other services listed have all been written in the last ten years, though of course they often use material that's much older. See separate article, next to this months services, for a more detailed description of all the services.

* Services at which we celebrate the patron saint of the church in question and the life of that worshipping community – a bit like a birthday.