

BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH AUGUST PARISH NEWSLETTER 2020

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Orebeck Benefice Update

We are thankful that the impact of the Covid pandemic in this part of the world has reduced in intensity and that people are slowly returning to their usual activities, even though these may be very different from how they used to be. At the same time, we are aware that for many there are still concerns about going into public places and for others there are serious financial worries.

With the relaxation of the lockdown rules, the churchwardens and the PCCs of all the churches of the Orebeck Benefice are thinking hard and planning for a reintroduction of a limited number of services in our churches. This process requires the adherence to strict guidelines about hygiene, social distancing and sadly, a ban on singing. We are hoping that the first services, probably one per week to start with, will take place in the near future. We will keep you informed by local emails in your villages and the next parish magazine.

We are not planning to do away with our successful Zoom services at 9.30 on Sunday mornings. The numbers taking part in these services continue to grow as we welcome new participants each week. Even when we restart the services in churches, we hope to continue with the Zoom services. For those who are rightly cautious about joining a congregation in the flesh, these services will be available for as long as they are needed. If you would like to join us please contact Bill Clark for a link at bill78@btinternet.com

God of hope,

in these times of uncertainty,

give strength to those who care for us

and guide our leaders with your wisdom.

Give us courage to overcome our fears,

and help us to build a future

in which all may prosper and share;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Update on churches opening for Sunday worship

The government has given permission for churches to resume Sunday worship. As a group of churches we are aware that, although some people are very eager to attend, others will be more reticent.

During August we will hold a Communion service at 11 a.m. in one church for the whole benefice. We have to follow government guidance on social distancing etc, and sadly at the moment we are not allowed to sing. The wearing of masks (at the time of writing) is optional. The 'Zoom service' will also continue for the foreseeable future. We will also hold one mid-week service in Hacheston. Towards the end of August we will review what we are doing, with a view to increasing the number and frequency of services.

The service schedule for August:

Every Sunday 9.30a.m. Zoom service

9 th	11a.m.	Holy Communion	Marlesford
16 th	11a.m.	Holy Communion	Brandeston
23 rd	11a.m.	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
30 th	11a.m.	Holy Communion	Parham

Wednesday

19th 10a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) Hacheston

Taizé Services

During the summer months in 2019 Taizé Services were held in Easton Village Hall. Taizé is a quiet, reflective form of worship, which includes prayer, singing, meditation and silence. The plans made for 2020 have been adapted to a streamed service for the months of June, July, August and September. If you would like more details, visit the website for Crettingham church - www.mid-loes.com/cretingham - for the YouTube link and to download the printed order of service.

Remembering The Rev'd Canon Richard Ginn

An engaging smile, an encouraging way, an insightful mind, a deep and imaginative faith which was infectious. Just a few thoughts that describe Richard. In an era when most clergy remain in a post for around seven years, Richard ran counter-culture and exercised his ministry as Vicar of a group of parishes around Westleton for over twenty years, until his retirement to Hacheston. His other posts were his curacies (initial training posts) in London.

Over time he took on more responsibility as more parishes were added to his care. He was a faithful pastor, caring for all and an able communicator. His simplicity of faith hid an incisive theological mind. Indeed, it is the mark of a good theologian to be able to communicate the faith in bite size chunks that we can all grapple with. He continued to study throughout his ministry and gained two degrees for his studies and was working towards another when he died. Just before he died, he celebrated forty years as an ordained minister in the Church of England.

The rural church would not survive without our retired clergy who take services, cover holidays and vacancies. Richard took services throughout our benefice and many people were encouraged in their own faith journeys by his faithful preaching and pastoral care. I greatly valued having him as a colleague and being able to sit in the mid-week services at Hacheston which he had started several years ago. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Graham Hedger

I was so sad to hear about Richard's death. He and Linda attended the services that I led at Hacheston and he was always so supportive. He gave gentle and wise advice that was never negative and was always encouraging. He made me smile with his delightful sense of fun and when I left his company, I always felt better than when I arrived. His faith, love and courage showed us all how we should live our lives.

Mary Baker from Brandeston

Contactless Giving

As a Benefice we have become increasingly aware that fewer people carry cash in their pockets or purses and rely much more on cards to make purchases and payments either manually or on-line. In order that members of our congregations can use cards to make donations to the Church, we have purchased a machine designed to enable contactless giving. This machine is easy to use. Our Church Wardens and Elders can contact me to let me know when they need it for their own Churches. email: cooke200@btinternet.com

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Pastoral support

Although we are unable to visit, members of the Ministry Team and others are available at the end of the 'phone to listen or to pray with you.

Canon Graham Hedger	01473 737280
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Money Matters

#ManagingDebtTogether

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on many people's lives, including financially, but if you're worried about money don't worry alone! Seek help now – the sooner the better – to find out what support is available.

Free, confidential support is available from East Suffolk's three Citizens Advice services, who can help you deal with money matters.

To talk to someone, call **0330 107 5627** or email moneymatters@nescab.cabinet.org.uk

Monday – Friday between 9.30am – 4pm.



Money Matters - Managing Debt Together
East Suffolk Council in partnership with
Citizens Advice services in East Suffolk



The results of the KGT Lottery draws for April, May, June and July held in The Chequers public house.

April:

1st Prize: Claire and Paul Norman

2nd prize: Pat Peck

May:

1st Prize: Patrick Garland

2nd prize: Jim Cavanagh and Helen Kay

June:

1st Prize: Martin And Linda Sims

2nd prize: Persephone Booth

July:

1st Prize: Patrick Garland

2nd prize: Sue and Denis Brooks

Kettleburgh Village Hall AGM.

Wednesday 9th September 2020, 7.30pm by Zoom. If you would like an invitation to join the meeting, please email Jackie Clark jwc51@btinternet.com

DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Lockdown has perhaps given us all the opportunity to rethink how we live our lives and what we value most about living and working in Suffolk. For me, I am incredibly proud of our rural heritage, the fantastic Suffolk countryside and the great community spirit that is evident in all our towns and villages.

As the COVID restrictions start to lift and our local shops and pubs have cautiously begun to reopen, we must now turn our attention to protecting jobs and supporting our economy to slowly start to recover. With smaller, independent retailers needing our support, it is perhaps more important than ever that we all take the opportunity to support our great Suffolk farmers, food producers and retailers, who have been working throughout the COVID pandemic ensuring that high quality, local produce is available in our local shops and communities.

Recently, there has been much interest in the matter of food safety and animal welfare standards and a number of you may have already been in touch with me directly. Contrary to media reports that UK food standards will be lowered as part of future trade deals, I want to reassure you that the Government will not compromise on our impeccably high standards of food production and animal welfare. The amendments which have been widely reported would consequently have created new trade barriers, potentially preventing the Government from being able to agree fair and mutually beneficial trade deals.

The UK's food standards, for both domestic production and import, are overseen by the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland. These are independent agencies and provide advice to the UK and Scottish Governments. They will continue to do so in order to ensure that all food imports comply with the UK's high safety standards. Decisions on these standards are a matter for the UK and will be made separately from any trade agreement.

Here in Suffolk, and around the UK, we should be proud of our world-leading food, health and animal welfare standards and we simply must not lower our standards as we negotiate new trade deals. Any trade deal the UK strikes must be fair and reciprocal to our farmers and must not compromise on our high environmental protection, animal welfare and food safety standards. I am therefore pleased that the Government has, in principle, agreed to the establishment of a Trade & Agriculture Commission. The Commission will ensure the importance of close engagement with the agricultural sector, which will help to inform, shape and guide our agricultural trade policy. This news been welcomed by the NFU, with whom I regularly meet, and I will continue to fight for the best interests of our farmers here in Suffolk.



Alongside grass-cutting contractors, parish councils and volunteers we are caring for our species-rich plant areas and plants of national or county importance. The aim of the project is to conserve species-rich plant areas and plants of national or county importance. All Roadside Nature Reserves (RNR) are marked with white posts and plates indicating the direction of the protected stretch of roadside verge. These ensure cutting takes place at the appropriate times.

Become a voluntary warden Many roadside nature reserves benefit from volunteers looking after them.

What does a warden do? Rakes and monitors the verge. Has the opportunity to write an article for the RNR Newsletter.

Who can get involved? Individuals, Groups, Parishes.

What do you need? We provide you with everything you need: Hi Vis clothing and a rake, Training on how to work safely on the highway, Risk Assessments, A list of the species you can hope to see on your verge.

If you are interested in becoming a roadside nature reserve volunteer contact us on RNRs@suffolk.gov.uk

The Deadline for contributions for the September 2020 edition by August 25th 2020 please. Send articles to janebaldwin325@gmail.com or post to Jan Baldwin, Priory Barn, Brandeston IP13 7AU. Thank you.