

Four Rivers Benefice News

Parishes of Bedfield, Brundish
Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham
Tannington, Wilby
Worlingworth with Southolt
AUGUST 2025



Dear Friends Here we are in August – eight months into the year and I am wondering where the time has gone! At the deanery meeting at Burgate towards the end of July, we were encouraged to reflect, once again, upon the five marks of mission which form an excellent platform upon which to develop action plans and creative mission ideas for the benefice as well as our individual churches. **Typically, these five marks have been abbreviated to five words: tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure.** At present, I am pondering tell and teach. How are we proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and how are we teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers? Some chunky items to reflect upon – what do you think?

As from 5th August 2025, I will be taking **morning offices around the benefice**, 8.30am, starting in Laxfield. Then on 12th will be at Brundish, 19th at Monk Soham, 26th at Worlingworth. On 2nd September, I will visit Cratfield, 9th at Wilby, 16th at Tannington, 24th at Bedfield and then back to the start with Laxfield on 30th September. **Holy Communion will also be offered** once a

week on a Thursday at 11am subject to availability, starting on 7th August, with the order being Wilby, Cratfield, Worlingworth, Monk Soham, Brundish, Bedfield, Laxfield and Tannington. I have been to visit several parishioners in their homes in the last few months so please let me know if you, or somebody you know, would like a home visit. Enjoy the summer and be at peace with one another.

Prayers and blessings, **Revd Chrissie**

Enhancing Worship Course

A short course for all those interested in worship. The course will look at those elements which must be included in our worship and how we can explore enhancing it.

**Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield
9.30am-12 noon, Saturdays 6th
13th, 20th Sept and 4th Oct.**
For info or to book, contact Revd Maria - revmariaprice@gmail.com
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What's On in August

Saturday 2nd Laxfield Market, 9.30am - 12 noon.
Also 2pm, **Laxfield Treasure Hunt** followed by prosecco and cream teas at 3pm.

Sundays 3rd, 17th, 31st Concerts at Cratfield
Fortnightly chamber music at St Mary's Cratfield, 3pm. www.concertsatcratfield.org

Mondays 4th and 18th The Care Café at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am - 1pm. Free entry. For carers, cared for, bereaved, those alone, anyone who would like some company and a chat. Jenny on 01728 627134 / 07710 218957.

Friday 8th Meet up Friday in the Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 - 11.30am.

Fridays 15th, 22nd and 29th Choral Compline at St Peter's Monk Soham, 7pm with the Pastoral Quire. All welcome to sing or listen. As 15th August is VJ Day, there will also be a short remembrance/thanksgiving service for the end of the war.

Also Friday 15th VJ Day Commemoration at St Mary's Worlingworth, 7pm.

Saturday 16th Saturday Social, 10 - 11.30am, All Saints' Laxfield.

Also Saturday 16th A celebratory concert at St Mary's Worlingworth with organ, piano and flute, 7pm. £10 inc. refreshments. Val Swallow 01728 628068/ cash on the door.

Sunday 17th Worlingworth Patronal Festival and Holy Communion with Revd Canon Susan Loxton who will bless the newly restored east window.

Wednesday 20th St Mary's Wilby Drop-in, 10 to 11.30am. Join us for coffee, cakes and a chat.

Friday 22nd Lunchtime concert in Laxfield church, 12.30 - 1.30pm. Tony Winn, poetry and songs.

Saturday 23rd Laxfield Baketastic 10am - 12 noon.

Thursday 28th Tea at the Vicarage, 2 - 4pm.

Bedfield, St Nicholas:	Jenny Hinchey	07710 218957
Brundish, St Lawrence:	Tina Smiddy	01379 388298
Cratfield, St Mary	Revd Clive Mobbs	01986 798465
Laxfield, All Saints':	Jackie and Mike Turton	01986 798618
Monk Soham, St Peter:	Geoff Artiss	01728 685663
Tannington, St Ethelbert:	Chloé Cross	07714 734756
Wilby, St Mary's:	Mary Pipe	01728 723443, Rob Barber 01379 388040
Worlingworth, St Mary's:	Bert Stanford	01728 628474, Ann Davidson 07807 588485

BENEFICE LAMMAS CELEBRATION

**Sunday 3rd August
St Mary's Worlingworth**
**Celebration of the first-fruits
of the grain harvest**
9.30am Holy Communion
11am Lammass Celebration
Refreshments will be served
from 10.15am and after
the Celebration service

Services in the Four Rivers Benefice Sunday 3rd Aug, as above

Sunday 10th Aug

9.30am Village Worship, Cratfield
10.30am Morning Praise, Bedfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Laxfield
11.00am Morning Prayer, Monk Soham
11.30am Holy Communion, Tannington

Sunday 17th Aug

10.30am Holy Communion, Brundish
10.30am Village Worship, Laxfield + Wilby
11.00am Holy Communion, Monk Soham
4.00pm Patronal HC, Worlingworth

Sunday 24th Aug

9.30am Holy Communion, Cratfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Bedfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Wilby
11.00am Morning Prayer, Worlingworth
6.00pm Hartismere House, Laxfield

Sunday 31st Aug

10.30am Holy Communion, Laxfield
10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Wilby
11.00am Holy Communion, Worlingworth

**Sat 13th Sept
Suffolk Historic Churches
Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride.**
All our churches will take part and will need volunteers to ride or stride and to welcome people. Get in touch with your local organiser if you can help.