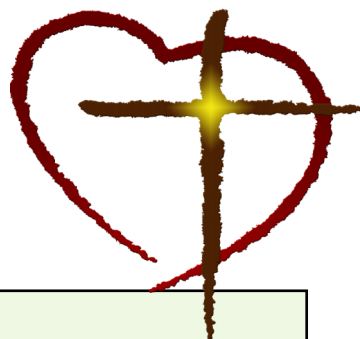


Four Rivers Benefice News

Parishes of Bedfield, Brundish
Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham
Tannington, Wilby
Worlingworth with Southolt
September 2026



Dear Friends

Well, have you rested? I have tried and, on the whole, am improving. Have you found the place where you can breathe in deeply, breathe in slowly and take a moment to listen with the ears of your heart? I recently spent some time with some folk exploring Psalm 23 and it was amazing the number of different versions of the Bible that we covered in a very short space of time. From King James through to The Message, the Teenage Bible, the Children's Bible and, of course, the New Standard Revised Version. It is a beautiful passage, often a favourite at funerals and yet, when you take in the words, it also makes a wonderful reading at a baptism. And the best part of our reflections together wasn't just the bacon butties served at the beginning of the day, nor the bring and share lunch but the time we spent alone just thinking, some drawing, some colouring stones, others writing in their journal, and others needing time to chat. We ended our time together with Celtic Communion in the garden and then went our separate ways. I am hoping that there will be many more opportunities for reflective days at the Vicarage over the coming months and so if you have ideas for a particular theme, please let me know.

Prayers and blessings,

Revd Chrissie

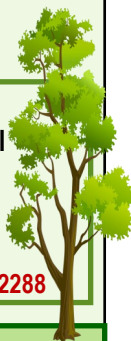
On leave, Thurs 24th Sept to Sun 4th Oct

Forest Church

**Sunday 13th Sept, Worlingworth Hall
IP13 7NS at 3pm.** For all ages!

Come dressed for nature-inspired outdoor activities. Informal worship.

Refreshments. **For more details
visit www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2288**



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What's on during September.....

Sat 5th Diocesan service to celebrate
our Care for Creation, 3.30pm, Cathedral

Sun 6th Worlingworth Parish Picnic,
churchyard. 3pm. Tea, juice cake,
provided. Bring picnics and teddies.

Sunday 6th Suffolk Historic Churches
Trust service, Blythburgh Church, 6pm.

Mondays 7th and 21st

The Care Café at Bedfield Community
Hub, 10.30am to 1pm. Free entry. For
carers, cared for, bereaved and those
alone. Contact Jenny on 07710 218957.

Friday 11th Meet up Friday, The
Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am.

Sunday 13th Forest Church, 3pm,
Worlingworth Hall. (see over)

Saturday 19th Saturday Social, Laxfield
10 to 11.30am, in church.

Friday 25th Lunchtime Concert, 12.30
to 1.30pm. James and William Shirras -
piano, viola, oboe, voice.

Saturday 26th Tower Breakfast 10 to
11.30am. Full English, toast/drink £10.

Sunday 6th

9.30am Holy Communion, Bedfield
10.30am Celtic Prayer, Baptism, Laxfield
10.30am Village Worship, Wilby
11am Family Service, Monk Soham

Saturday 12th

2.30pm Harvest Festival, Southolt

Sunday 13th

9.30am Holy Communion, Cratfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Laxfield
11am BCP Morning Prayer, Monk Soham
11am Holy Communion, Worlingworth

Sunday 20th

9.30am Chatty Church, Laxfield
9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Wilby
11am Harvest Service, Bedfield
11am BCP Holy Comm, Monk Soham
11am Morning Prayer, Worlingworth
**3pm Holy Communion, Brundish and
4pm Harvest Service, Brundish, both
with Archdeacon Rich**

Friday 25th

7.30pm Harvest Evensong, Monk Soham

Sunday 27th

10.30am Holy Communion, Wilby
11am Harvest Festival, Worlingworth
6pm Harvest Service, Cratfield
6pm Hartismere House, Laxfield



Saturday 12th Sept Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride

All our churches will need volunteers to ride, stride or welcome people. Half of all money raised will go to your local church and half to the Trust. Please contact your local organiser if you can help/take part.

Bedfield Kathy Thurman, 01728 628470

Brundish Catherine Bacon, 07810 301899

Cratfield Anne Scoones, 01379 586238

Laxfield Liz Hammond, 01986 798726

Monk Soham Anne Artiss, 01728 685663

Southolt Maureen Flannery, 01728 628094

Tannington Jenny Smart, 07710 218957

Wilby Tim Bird, 07949 574559

Worlingworth Nora Ingate, 01728 628316

Bedfield, St Nicholas: Jenny Smart, 07710 218957
Brundish, St Lawrence: Tina Smiddy, 01379 388298
Cratfield, St Mary: Revd C Smart, 07803 134301
Laxfield, All Saints: Jackie/Mike Turton, 01986 798618
Monk Soham, St Peter: Geoff Artiss, 01728 685663
Tannington, St Ethelbert: Jenny Smart, 07710 218957
Wilby, St Mary: Revd C Smart, 07803 134301
Worlingworth, St Mary: Bert Stanford, 01728 628474, Graham Bentley,

Celtic Prayer online on
Zoom, 9 to 9.30am
each Friday morning.
All welcome! To join,
contact Revd Chrissie