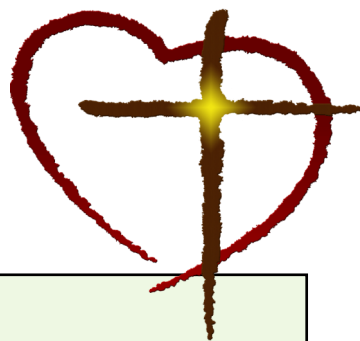


Four Rivers Benefice News

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



Dear Friends

A reflective time of year. We move this month from Easter to Ascension to Pentecost and then on into the long green season when we should be sharing the word of God amongst our communities so as to attract new folk into our churches. When I was appointed as the Incumbent for the Four Rivers, there were several people who stepped forward to support me at a very difficult time and to them, and some others since, I will be always be grateful. I am confident that there are yet others who would also like to work with me and so I look forward to hearing from you. There is the question of unity among Christians and through working together we will understand each other better at the local level and focus upon the things we need to achieve. Who knows? There might be many people out there hiding their light who may have some fresh ideas!

I look forward to hearing from you! Prayers and blessings,

Revd Chrissie

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What's on during May?.....

Saturday 2nd Community Market,
Laxfield, 9.30 to 12 noon.

Also **Saturday 2nd Guided Spring Walk,**
fundraising for St Margaret Southolt,
11am from Village Hall. £5 pp. Refreshments on return. Contact 07745 323433.

Mondays 4th and 18th

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 8th Meet up Friday, The Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am.

Saturday 16th Saturday Social, 10 to 11.30am, Laxfield.

Friday 22nd Lunchtime concert 12.30pm, Laxfield church. Dean Parkin, poems and anecdotes.

Thursday 28th Tea at the Vicarage, Laxfield, 3 to 4pm. Please join us.

Saturday 30th Choral Evensong *(see right)*

Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings

Tuesday 5th May
7pm at Brundish Village Hall
for Wilby, Cratfield and Laxfield PCCs.

Tuesday 12th May
7pm at Bedfield / Monk Soham Comm. Hub
for Bedfield, Brundish, Tannington,
Monk Soham and Worlingworth PCCs.
New PCC members welcomed!
All invited!

Church contacts

Bedfield, St Nicholas:	Jenny Hinchey, 07710 218957
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Wilby, St Mary:	Revd Chrissie Smart, 07803 134301
Worlingworth, St Mary:	Bert Stanford, 01728 628474, Ann Davidson 07807 588485

Sunday 3rd May

9.30am Village Worship, Cratfield
10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Laxfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Wilby
11am Family Service, Monk Soham
11am Morning Prayer, Worlingworth

Sunday 10th May

ROGATION SUNDAY at CRATFIELD
9.30am Holy Communion followed by
11am Benefice Rogation Service
Refreshments

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day

10am All Saints' Mendham
7pm Deanery service, with Holy Communion at Monk Soham

Sunday 17th May

9.30am Chatty Church, Laxfield
10.30am Morning Praise, Bedfield
11am BCP Morning Prayer, Monk Soham
11am Holy Communion, Tannington

Sunday 24th May

9.30am Holy Communion, Cratfield
10.30am Village Worship, Wilby
11am Holy Communion, Brundish
11am Pentecost Holy Communion, Worlingworth
6pm Hartismere House, Laxfield

Sat 30th May, Choral Evensong, with Pastoral Quire, 6.30pm at Brundish

Sunday 31st May
Benefice Holy Communion
10.30am at Bedfield

Bible get together

studying Titus
at St Mary Worlingworth
2.30 to 4pm, Wednesday 29th April,
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May.
Contact Revd Chrissie.