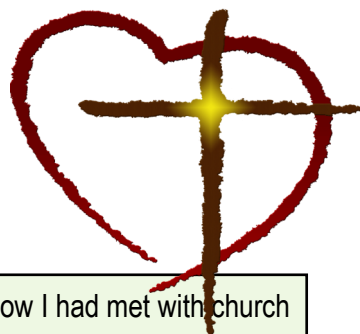


Four Rivers Benefice News

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



Dear Friends This time last year I wrote about how I had met with church wardens and the ministry team on separate occasions, and in exploring what we might develop for our parishes, the questions were: What do we love that we want to keep? What can we release? What do we long for in the future? And I am delighted to say that there are many green shoots appearing across the benefice. This includes the creation of a new Sunday morning get together at All Saints Laxfield, in the shape of something called Chatty Church, and the introduction of refreshments before and after the services at St Mary's Worlingworth!

Forest Church will be on the resurgence this month, and I continue to remain eager to see how we might bring new people to the kingdom at times other than Sunday morning. There are some great new ideas for activities during the day as well as get togethers on a Friday and/or Saturday night. I am certain that there are more ideas out there and possibly folk who would like to take them forward?! Please let me know. I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the Choral Evensong with the Pastoral Quire which will be taking place at various venues in the benefice – see notice.

Prayers and blessings *Revd Chrissie*

Cathedral Reflective Pilgrimage
Sunday 5th July, 3pm Join us for this amazing experience which focuses on the inner journey of prayer, mindfulness and spiritual renewal. Afternoon tea. Please register your interest with Revd Chrissie.

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Forest Church Sunday 14th June, The Vale, off Vicarage Road, Laxfield, at 3pm. Or meet 2.45pm at the church. For all ages! Come dressed for nature-inspired outdoor activities. Informal outdoor worship. Refreshments.

See village mags for more details or visit achurchnearyou.com/church/2288



Associate Priest: Revd Rebecca Artiss, (contact Geoff Artiss on 01728 685663)
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What's on during June?.....

Mondays 1st and 15th

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.

Sat 6th/Sun 7th Laxfield 800th anniversary of market. Market, Sat 9.30 to 12 noon. Flower Festival, cream teas and prosecco in church 2.30 to 4.30pm both days. Songs of Praise 6pm, Sunday.

Also Sat 6th Summer Service, 2.30pm, St Margaret Southolt, followed by refreshments in village hall. Wear bright clothes!

Friday 12th Meet up Friday, The Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am.

Sat 13th/Sun 14th Bedfield Open Gardens, 11am to 4.30pm. Tickets/progs from The Hub.

Saturday 13th Evensong, see right

Sunday 14th Forest Church, see details

Sat 20th Saturday Social, Laxfield 10 to 11.30am.

Also Sat 20th Worlingworth Summer Fair, Community Centre, 11am to 3pm.

Thursday 25th No Tea at the Vicarage

Friday 26th Lunchtime concert, Laxfield, 12.30pm, Diss Guitar Ensemble.

Saturday 27th Revd Maria's ordination, at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, 2pm.

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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, Ann Davidson, 07807 588485

Sunday 7th June

9.30am Holy Communion, Bedfield
10.30am Village Worship, Wilby
11am Family Service, Monk Soham
11am Holy Communion, Tannington
6pm **Songs of Praise, Laxfield with Suffolk Phoenix Brass**

Saturday 13th June, 6.30pm, Worlingworth, Evensong

a beautiful, meditative twilight service, a reflective opportunity to pause at the end of the day, with the Pastoral Quire singing psalms and canticles you can just listen to or join in with.

Sunday 14th June

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

Sunday 21st June

9.30am Chatty Church, Laxfield
9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Wilby
11am Morning Service, Bedfield
11am Holy Communion, Brundish with Revd Canon Mark Haworth
11am Holy Communion, Monk Soham
11am Let's Celebrate, Worlingworth

Sunday 28th June

9.30am Holy Communion, Cratfield
10.30am Holy Communion, Wilby
11am Morning Prayer, Worlingworth
6pm Hartismere House, Laxfield

Choral Evensongs



Saturday 30th May
6.30pm at Brundish

Saturday 13th June
6.30pm at Worlingworth

Saturday 18th July
6.30pm at Wilby

All welcome to come, listen or join in