

Parish Magazine

August 2020



Levington



Nacton



Bucklesham

Parish Directory 2020

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The Benefice comprises the parishes of Bucklesham, Falkenham, Hemley, Kirton, Levington, Nacton, Newbourne and Waldringfield in the Deanery of Colneys in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

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CHURCH SERVICES – These are detailed in the magazine each month. Everyone welcome.

Baptisms, marriages, sick Communion etc. by arrangement with one of the Ministry Team (*see above*).

When members of the Clergy or Readers are not available, the Churchwarden should be contacted.

PLAYGROUP Nacton Village Hall, Daily for 2½ - 5 years *Info.* Meryl Taverner; Sue Winder; [Nacton & Bucklesham U5s](#)
contact during sessions 659809

TODDLER GROUP	Nacton Village Hall, Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm	<i>Information as above</i>
1ST ORWELL SEA SCOUTS	1 st Orwell Group (Scouts, Cubs and Beavers)	Mrs Joanne Forsyth 659987
BUCKLESHAM LADIES' GROUP	Every second Thursday of the month	<i>Information</i> Trudy Woollard 659654
MOTHERS' UNION	First Wednesday of month, 2.00pm	<i>Branch Leader</i> Rev. Helen Davy 01394 270703
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES	Bucklesham Village Hall, 3 rd Wednesday 7.30pm Levington Village Hall, 2 nd Wednesday 7.30pm Nacton Village Hall, 3 rd Wednesday 7.30pm	<i>President</i> Mrs Sheila Gregory 727622 <i>President</i> Mrs Marian Rose 659638 <i>President</i> Mrs Paula Warner 659231
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nactonchurchmagazine@gmail.com by the 2nd August please.

Should you have specific requests for prayer, please contact Rev Ian (01473 659875) or Rev Sarah (01394 448936) who are continuing a ministry of daily prayer throughout this difficult time.

We are pleased to say that there is now a Facebook page set up for the Benefice.

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The Reverend Canon Ian Wilson

Services

We have had three very successful services at St. Martin's Church since our churches have been allowed to open for public worship. There has been an average attendance of 22 and, in August, we will continue to hold one service each Sunday in the benefice and these will be at Kirton, Bucklesham and Nacton.

The services are as follows:

- 10.30am - Sunday 2nd August - Kirton - Holy Communion (35 places available).
- 10.30am - Sunday 9th August - Bucklesham - Morning Worship (30 places available).
- 10.30am - Sunday 16th August - Nacton - Morning Worship (35 places available).
- 10.30am - Sunday 23rd August - Kirton - Morning Worship (35 places available).
- 10.30am - Sunday 30th August - Bucklesham - Holy Communion (30 places available).

Due to the COVID restrictions, places at the services are limited and details of how to book a place at the services will be circulated in the usual way at the beginning of the week leading up to the Sunday in question.

In addition to limiting numbers at our services, it is also strongly advised that face masks are worn in church (with the usual exemptions).

It is also my hope that by September, all eight of our parishes will have an act of public worship in their churches and details of these services will be published in the next edition of this magazine. However, for various reasons, it is very unlikely that we will ever be able to return to the number of services we had across the benefice before the lockdown.

Worship

One of the successes of the lockdown period, is that many people have really appreciated receiving our worship resources, including sermons, both written and recorded, (they are also available via our Facebook page and have also been used by people outside our diocese), and because they have been so well received, even after our churches are beginning to open, we will continue to provide all of these resources.

It has also been very interesting to hear how people have felt they have been connected with the whole of our worshipping community by using our resources

and, in particular, they have felt that, *‘wherever we are, we are all united in having the same service’*. However, as we move towards having Holy Communion, some may fear that they will lose out on this sense of ‘common worship’. Of course, I entirely understand this fear and to maintain the sense of common worship for those who are unable to attend church, I have put together a service that can be used at home and as part of the Holy Communion service so that we continue to be united. We will be using this for the first time on 2nd August.

Finances

Along with all other charitable organisations, the lockdown has put considerable pressure on our church finances. In January, we were asked to pay £75,000 as our ‘quota’ to the diocese and this was divided between our eight churches to pay over the year. This pays towards the stipend (pay) of the clergy, the cost of the central organisation of the church and the on-going costs of the national church. Of course, whilst our churches were closed for public worship during the lockdown, the work of the clergy did not stop but a large part of our income did. As a result, we will have a considerable shortfall in our ability to pay the quota and each parish will be asking those who had been giving regularly to the church to continue to do this. They will also be asking for help from those who may not have been paying regularly. The church nationally is now in a very difficult position financially and may, like many other charities, be looking at ways of reducing the financial burden it carries; this could mean considering making some clergy redundant. This is an absolute last resort and in order to avoid this we need to look at how we are going to be able to pay our way and we need the help of many people as possible.

With every blessing,

Ian

Covid-19: Church of England guidance

The Government has issued a statement that face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from 8th August. We will study detailed government regulations and guidance once they are available and will update our guidance accordingly. In the meantime, we continue to strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus (COVID-19) and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

Music for Morning Prayer

Dorrie Giles and Malcolm Gee of St Martin Nacton, have been putting together, each week, a list of hymns that link with the Morning Prayer service that Rev Ian is recording and distributing by email. If you would like Dorrie to add you to her circulation list for the hymns, please let her have your email address at dorrie.giles@btinternet.com

Our thanks to Dorrie and Malcolm.



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At this year's conference – now taking place on Zoom - we will be discussing how Christians can engage in world issues at all levels.

The theme of the conference will be 'Christianity in the Public Space' and our keynote speaker will be Professor Andrew Bradstock.

Andrew has been researching, teaching and writing about the relationship between Christian faith, politics and social engagement for more than 30 years. An academic and practitioner, his experience includes establishing New Zealand's first Centre for Theology and Public Issues (at the University of Otago), co-directing the Centre for Faith and Society at the Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge, and Secretary for Church and Society with the United Reformed Church. He is author of *Louder than Words: action for the 21st-century church* (DLT, 2007) and the authorised biography of Bishop David Sheppard, *Batting for the Poor* (SPCK, 2019). He is an emeritus professor of the University of Winchester.

We will also be joined by Luke Harman from Christian Aid who will talk about a successful campaign using a range of activities to raise awareness of an issue in the public space. There will be opportunities to ask questions of both speakers and to discuss in groups.

This should be an interesting and inspiring day. We do hope you can join us.

Register for your free place by visiting <https://world-mission-conference-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Prayer requests

Should you have specific requests for prayer, please contact Rev Ian (01473 659875) or Rev Sarah (01394 448936) who are continuing a ministry of daily prayer throughout this difficult time.

We are pleased to say that we now have a Facebook page under "The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice".

If you know someone who cannot access this Newsletter by email and would appreciate a printed copy, please let Rev Sarah have their address (with their permission) who will post a copy.

Services in August and September

The Rector held a Zoom conference with our Church Wardens, Clergy and Readers to agree on proposals to expand the number of Sunday morning services. An outline rota for August and September was presented to the meeting. Further details for August appear in Ian's article at the beginning of the magazine. Based on the current restrictions, not all our parish churches are able to host an act of public worship.

On Sunday August 2nd there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at St Mary and St Martin, Kirton, at 10-30 am. Booked places only.

Churches opening for private prayer and Sunday Worship

Some of our churches will be open for private prayer only and will be supervised whilst they are open. Dates and times will appear in the benefice weekly newsletter.

Hope Beyond



Allchurches Trust has launched a new grants programme – Hope Beyond – aimed at enabling churches and Christian charities to meet changing need within their

communities as the longer term impact of Covid-19 becomes clearer.

Funding projects that will enable people, organisations and communities to flourish in life after lockdown, [Hope Beyond](#) will help churches, Christian charities and communities to adapt to the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic - building resilience and encouraging hope.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available, and the amount you receive will depend upon the cost of your project and level of need in your community, ranging from 10% of project cost through to 80%.

All information including application advice and the application form are available [here](#)

Confirmation of Bishop Stephen Cottrell as the new Archbishop of York

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell was confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York. The service was broadcast on the Church of England Facebook page. Commenting on the service, Bishop Stephen Cottrell said, "Following in the footsteps of my many predecessors, I look forward to serving our nation and bringing the love and peace of Christ to our world, especially here in the North." A further service from York Minster was broadcast at 9.00am last Sunday morning with the theme 'Prayer and Encouragement'.

Bishop Martin

"You may have seen +Stephen Cottrell as he took up the role of Archbishop of York hammering with his crozier on the doors of York Minster from the *inside*! It was a powerful symbol of what so many of us have been experiencing as the outward turn of the church into the world, and the appeal that we do not retreat back inside those doors. I am so grateful, and in awe of the work, many of you and your congregations have been engaged with, reaching out, engaging, serving our communities".

Suffolk Says Thanks

I want to draw your attention to a county-wide campaign we have been asked to help promote – **Suffolk Says Thanks**. The idea behind the campaign is to encourage a culture of gratitude across the county and say thank you for those everyday acts of kindness we have seen through this pandemic and to thank those people who might otherwise be overlooked. I am sure there are many unsung heroes in your congregations and communities.

I think this is a wonderful idea. It would be great to celebrate the role churches, and others have played in making a positive contribution to local communities.

Stop and smell the roses

Cancelled summer events are a result of the current medical emergency. Our British summers are full of flowers which we usually share through our church flower festivals, village flower shows and open garden events. We love to see them bloom, bringing spectacular colour and sometimes fragrance into the summer months. It's a lovely time to appreciate the beauty of God's world, and think about how God cares for us as part of creation.

Jesus talked about flowers in one of his teachings about worry.

“Can any of you,” he asked, “by worrying, add a single hour to your life? Look at the lilies in the fields, how they grow: they don’t work, yet even the greatest king in all his glory isn’t as beautiful as them. So, if God looks after even these plants, which don’t last long or do anything, how much more will he look after you?”

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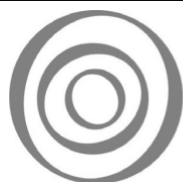
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