

*The Yoxmere  
Fisherman*

**April 2025**

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2025

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### **Sunday 6th April ~ 5th Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Dunwich Benefice Service  
with Holy Communion

### **Sunday 13th April ~ Palm Sunday**

10.30am Theberton Benefice Service  
with Holy Communion

### **Thursday 17th April ~ Maundy Thursday**

10.00am Middleton A Musical Meditation for Lent  
to 3.00pm

6.30pm Darsham Holy Communion with Washing of Feet

### **Friday, 18th April ~ Good Friday**

2.00pm Yoxford Stations of the Cross

### **Sunday, 20th April ~ Easter Day**

6.00am Dunwich Sunrise Service  
9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion  
9.30am Westleton Holy Communion  
9.30am Theberton Holy Communion  
11.00am Peasehall Holy Communion  
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion  
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion at Westleton  
11.00am Sibton Holy Communion at Peasehall

### **Sunday 27th April ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter**

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer  
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship  
followed by refreshments  
9.30am Theberton Holy Communion  
11.00am Peasehall Morning Worship  
with the Methodist Chapel  
11.00am Middleton Morning Prayer  
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion  
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer  
6.00pm Sibton Evensong

### **Sunday 4th May**

10.30am Theberton Benefice Service with Holy Communion  
Wednesdays at Yoxford, 10.00am Holy Communion

### LECTIONARY

*6th April Purple*

Isaiah 43.16-21

Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8

*13th April Palm Purple*

Luke 19.28-40

Psalms 118.1-2, 19-29\*

*20th April White*

Acts 10.34-43

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

Luke 24.1-12

*27th April White*

Acts 5.27-32

Revelation 1.4-8

John 20.19-31

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*Thanks to Debby Turner for the cover photo this month.*



### HOPE

As I write, *that* Oval Office meeting with Zelenskyy is still recent news, while Israel has cut off electricity and therefore running water to Gaza. This is profoundly awful and depressing. The news has become so toxic that I don't want to know what is going on in the world. What will *they* do next? There is dreadful destruction

closer to home, too, as I don't need to remind you. We are carrying around more stress and anxiety because of this sense of threat hanging over world politics, the economy, and our local environment. What can we do, at all?

I say all this despite basically being both optimistic *and* hopeful. Is there a difference? These are quite subjective definitions, but I think optimism sees things working out for me or for us, while hope can be less tangible: bigger but more distant. Hope says that *in the end it will all be ok*.

For Christians this hope arises from the events of Easter. Two thousand years ago, things were not OK either. Pontius Pilate was quite as crass and cynical as any modern leader you may think of, the Holy Land had no self-rule and no prospect of it, slavery was an unchallenged daily reality ... and human rights? What human rights!

Within that environment a man called Jesus preached that God still cared, God still loved, God was on the side of the victims and the persecuted, the hungry and excluded. Not only did Jesus preach this with such power that his teaching is still followed, but reports even followed him of amazing miracles, all helping the little guy. While hunger was a daily problem, he spoke of God's abundance. He spoke directly against the abuses of power - Roman, religious, Jewish - so they had him crucified.

Then, three days later, Jesus' body went missing from the tomb. His followers believed he was alive and were willing to die for that belief. Fifty days later, this extraordinary wave of hope was breaking out all over Jerusalem, and it spread across the world.

The hope Christians find in the resurrection is not a naive fairy tale. hope. It was forged in a world more bitterly unjust than our own. And it urges us to pray and act as if we *do* have a voice, and as if our actions *can* make a difference.

You are very welcome at your local church this Easter, and may your hope be stirred and invigorated by the hope of Christ.

*Blessings, Tim.*

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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Mondays 7th April and 12th May (*not* 5th May, which is a bank holiday) at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. This is a safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge. More information from the Revd Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funeral

Valerie Grace Wright (Val), aged 80 years, at St Peter's Yoxford on 10th March

### Interment of Ashes

Lynda Ann Nichols, aged 86 years, at St Peter's Theberton on 15th March

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### NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Church Electoral rolls are the lists of those who can vote at a church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and who are eligible to be members of a Parochial Church Council (PCC). These rolls are entirely rewritten every six years — and this is one of those years. If you would like to join or re-join the electoral roll of your church, please ask me, your service leader or a churchwarden, who will give you a form to be completed, or download and print this form: <https://bit.ly/4iUQqKE>. You have to choose to be on the electoral roll, so please sign up, and help shape the church and the church's future.

*Tim Rogers*



The poster is for an event at Westleton Church. At the top, there is a logo for 'mothers union' with a stylized 'M' and the text 'Christian care for families worldwide'. Below this, the date and time are listed: 'Thursday 17th April' and '2.30pm'. The main title is 'EASTER REFLECTION' in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title is the name 'Lesley Davies'. The church name 'Westleton Church' is also in bold black capital letters. At the bottom, it says 'All Welcome' and provides contact information: 'For further information please phone Sue Norrington 07913 488670 or Jennifer Clough 01728 648597'.

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 7TH MARCH 2025

The service was written by the women of the Cook Islands. This year our local service was held in Peasenhall but countries across the world participate and all are part of a wave of prayer which encircles the globe. It has been interesting to learn about the Cook Islands which is a group of 15 islands in the Pacific Ocean.

The service in Peasenhall was well attended and concluded with refreshments using Cook Islands ingredients like banana and coconut in the recipes. On the first Friday in March 2026, the World Day of Prayer Service in this area will be in Sternfield and will be written by the women of Nigeria. Everyone is welcome.

*Sue Norrington*



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### ESCHATOLOGY

Eschatology is the Christian study of the last things — what happens at the end of it all? It can be really interesting, but also fraught with speculation and bad theology!

As is appropriate with Easter approaching, resurrection is very important to our ideas of the end times. As discussed a few months ago, Jesus' resurrection was a vindication of Jesus against the accusations levelled against him, but it was also evidence of God's forgiving us. Resurrection was also the beginning of God undoing the powers of sin and death - 'unravelling' the work of the devil, if you will. As such, Jesus'

resurrection began something: it was inaugurating the end times, but with much more to come. Like hearing the first bird song of spring, but knowing that summer is yet to come.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray 'thy kingdom come'. What do we mean by this? I think we are praying for a time when everyone will know God's love and love God in return, living life by God's code. We are closer to that than in Jesus' day — two billion people claim to be Christian — but God's kingdom must be one of universal kindness and goodness... and we're not there yet.

This month I want to just look at some of the main thinkers and movements in eschatological thinking.

#### Key Sources

Within the New Testament the main places we go are Mark 13, 1 Thessalonians 4, and Revelation. These speak of heaven and hell, judgement, God's kingdom, Jesus' second coming, and hope. Perhaps the most important thing is that Revelation ends with victory. God has conquered all evil, there is peace, and heaven and earth are renewed.

#### Biggest influencers

Along the way, though, other sources have shaped our vision significantly. The Romans believed in an afterlife (Elysium) in which we might meet our dead relatives. This has shaped Christian visions of the afterlife significantly.

Augustine of Hippo's *The City of God* contrasted God's kingdom to 'the city of this world', in which Christians are in exile. Joachim of Fiore talked of three ages: of the Father (Old Testament), of the Son (New Testament and now), and of the Spirit, in which new movements would finally bring peace on earth. Dante's *Divine Comedy* was hugely influential on the medieval imagination of hell, purgatory and heaven. His work was art, political satire, speculative eschatology and a novel of personal growth all rolled into one.

The reformation stripped out ideas of purgatory from protestant thinking, while the enlightenment approached everything with scepticism.

Modern theology has rediscovered the apocalyptic overtones in Jesus' speeches (not least Mark 13), and the nuances of reading Revelation in the broader context of similar prophetic writings.

### Twentieth Century

Other key influencers in the twentieth century were Rudolf Bultmann, who attempted to 'demythologise' the New Testament, including its eschatology. Jürgen Moltmann, by contrast, emphasised that our hope was in Jesus Christ and thus what we believe of the future is very important — it is the driving force of our faith. Helmut Thielicke, a close contemporary (and another German!) observed that our beliefs about the future significantly shape our ethics too. One of the worrying consequences of 'dispensationalism' (see below) is a lack of concern for climate change!

All this debate and thought has led to there being three main views of the Kingdom of God held during the twentieth century.

*Futurist* — the Kingdom of God will all happen in the future, and will intervene disruptively in the midst of human history.

*Realised* — the Kingdom of God has already happened, through Jesus' incarnation, death and resurrection.

*'Inaugurated Eschatology'* — the Kingdom of God was 'inaugurated' through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and has begun to influence human history, but has not yet been fully realised or fulfilled yet. I'm firmly in this camp, as you can tell by my earlier remarks.

One of the most prominent futurist views is 'dispensationalism'. This was pioneered by John Nelson Darby, but popularised through the Schofield Reference Bible — which was *very* popular in the United States, and effectively made it mainstream there. This view organised history into seven periods, of which the seventh was the 'millennium'. It also popularised belief in 'the rapture', a belief (based on Mark 13 and 1 Thessalonians 4) that history would end suddenly with God taking up all the believers directly to heaven, leaving everyone else on earth. There was a series of novels called *Left Behind* which explored that idea. While embraced by the USA, the rest of the world is much cooler on it — I think it shows a horrendous failure to read the New Testament as it's meant to be read, and leads to some very alarming thinking!

Next month we'll continue by looking at heaven, hell, judgement and how this could all be a good thing.

*Easter blessings, Tim.*

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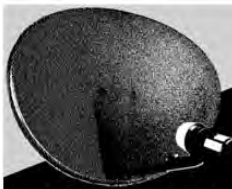
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**Coffee Morning** 12th April 10-11.30am.

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**Easter Activities** for children in church on

Saturday 19th April at 2pm.

Keep an eye out for details on the village WhatsApp.

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## DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB, APRIL 2025

We do not have a film for April but look forward to greeting you all in October.

Bobby, Jane, Annie, Becky and Anne

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## WHAT'S ON IN DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL, APRIL 2025

### Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1:00pm (contact Carol 01986 784642)

Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30am to 10.30am (contact Maria 07999 848655)

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11:00am to 12:00pm (contact Maria 07999 848655)

Yoga – every Fri. 10.30 to 11.30am (contact Debbie 07906 346545)

Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7:00pm to 9:00pm (contact Alan Holland 01728 668451)

Carpet Bowls – Every Fri. 2.30pm (contact Heather Shipp 01728 668251)

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9:30 -10:30 and 11:00 to 12:00 (contact Megan

Mayes – 07521 318146) NB Not on the 8th and 15th

Crafty Club – Mon. 7th - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Dash Astro – Sunday 13th Meeting, 27th Observing 7:00pm

Home Education Group – Every Wed. 9:00am (contact Rebecca Coe) NB Not on the 9th

### Events and Meetings

Coffee Morning – Sat. 8th at 10:00am hosted by the Horticultural Society

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 21st at 9:30am to 12:30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)

Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 8th at 7:00pm

Textile Temptations – Wed. 9th at 10:00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

Horticultural Show – Sat. 5th April

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEB. 2025

1st Prize: £100 Mrs S. Davies    2nd Prize: £50 Mr D. Stanley

3rd Prize: Mrs S. Holmes

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 11th March, County Councillor Richard Smith gave his report and provided information on the rising costs for social care, care homes and residential homes. He thinks that sadly it may be necessary for some care homes to close.

Secondly, he briefly discussed the current government reform and the idea of a Suffolk/Norfolk unitary authority with the election of a mayor. He envisages lots of debate in the next six months.

As a Parish Council we agreed to pursue a planning application for a shed to store our community self-help equipment.

The lay-by outside our village church needs some attention. A highways officer, a church representative, and a member of the Parish Council plan to meet to see what can be done.

We are currently collecting data and monitoring both traffic volume and speed through the village, and completing a comparison from previous data collection.

Our next meeting will be held on April 8th in our Village Hall.

*Diane Taylor - Vice Chair, Darsham Parish Council*

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### Darsham Horticultural Society

#### Open Spring Show

Village Hall

Saturday 5th April 2025

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## DUNWICH

### COFFEE 4 U

The dates for our get-together in the reading room are Thursday 3rd April and Thursday 17th April. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Heather Cook.*

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We run events and activities throughout the year, so keep an eye out for our events and check our website for updates at [www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events](http://www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events).

**Saturday April 5th, 6.30pm**

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**Thursday April 10th and 17th, 12noon to -4pm**

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### **A Musical Meditation for Lent**

**‘Through Darkness into Light’**

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**Thursday 17th April, 10am-3.30pm**

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The music will run continuously from shortly after 10am until its completion at approximately 3.30pm.

You are welcome to come for the whole day or simply to drop in and out as you are able. Coffee and tea will be available throughout but, if you plan to come for the duration, maybe bring some lunch!

## HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM  
will be held on Wednesday 30 April at 2pm in the church.  
Everyone is welcome.

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### MIDDLETON WI NEWS

On a cold, rainy, blustery February day we met for lunch at The Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh. At our table in the conservatory where we could watch the weather, we enjoyed a three-course lunch in a warm, friendly atmosphere. It's always a treat to be served a delicious meal and to relax in the company of friends.



In early March many of our WI members were happy to be involved in the Arts and Crafts Day held in Middleton Village Hall. They were among the organisers, the artists and crafters, the cake bakers and teaservers, the raffle ticket sellers and cleaner uppers. The exhibition was well attended and raised a good amount of money to keep the Thursday coffee morning at the village hall going. It's a free service run by volunteers, open to all who would like to get out of the house to enjoy some company and a cuppa with cake (spring and summer) or soup and a roll (winter).

Our meeting in April is the 16th at 7:15pm. Mark Mitchels will speak and the topic is "The Suffolk Coastline". All are welcome.

*Lynne Venn*

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### MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS

7th & 8th June, 11am – 5pm. Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton. This year we have several new gardens, some favourites returning, as well as the beautiful regular gardens. There will be arts/crafts/vintage and plants/flower stall at the Village Hall, and family wildlife activities. Refreshments will be served at the Pavilion all day. The event is fundraising for Holy Trinity Church and also supporting Middleton Thursday Group and the NSPCC Phone Line, East Suffolk.

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### PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL: WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

**Craft Club 7th April 2025 2-4pm** If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, or perhaps you would like to learn one of these crafts, why don't you come and join us? Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book. £3 per session. If you have any queries, please email Jane – [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

The club is held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, but please note there will not be a session on the 21st as it is Easter Monday.

Looking at getting fitter or try out some dance moves then why not try **Clubbercise on Tuesdays at 6-7pm.** (Term time only).

If you would like to book or need more information, please contact Eileen on 07813 854255 or email [Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk)

**Pop up Café Weds 2nd April 10am – 12pm.** This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

**Pilates Class. Every Thursday 9.45-10.45am.** This class is suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email [pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com](mailto:pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com)

#### Peasenhall Picture Palace Friday 4th April

The next Film Club we will be showing *Gladiator II (15)*

Years after witnessing the death of Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius must enter the Colosseum after the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honour needed to return the glory of Rome to its people.

Doors open at 7pm. Bar and raffle.

Thank you to everyone who supports us and to the local businesses who provide very generous raffle prizes. For info or with film requests, please subscribe to our mailing list: [peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com)

### **Pop-up Pub Friday 25th April 7-11pm**

We are pleased to announce the recommencement of our pop-up pub. There will be a wide range of games available (cards, scrabble, Bananagrams, dominoes etc). Licensed bar.

If you have any ideas / suggestions on the format, please do let us know by talking to one of the trustees or emailing [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

### **Future Dates for your diary**

#### **Wine Tasting evening on Sunday 25th May, 7pm, by Case-Sera Wines**

([www.case-serawines.co.uk](http://www.case-serawines.co.uk))

There will be seven exciting and excellent quality wines to taste from around the world. There will also be some acoustic music with songs from the 60s, 70s & 80s.

£20 per head, including cheese, biscuits and nibbles.

Tickets to be purchased in advance only, by 10th May. Contact Jane Collins on 07767 167968 or email [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

We will be holding our **Makers' Market on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June** to coincide with the village Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend. The village hall will be open for refreshments on both days, so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit gardens, admire flowers in the church and purchase some unique gifts made by local artisans.

### **Facilities Update**

Over the next few months some improvements are planned for the hall. The heating system is being replaced and upgraded with infrared panels, and additional insulation is being fitted in the roof space. A new notice board is currently being made by a local carpenter.

As always, we couldn't host any of our events without the support of you the community and we thank you for your continued support. All proceeds from events go towards the upkeep and continued improvement of our community space.

If you would like to book the Hall for a family gathering or event, please telephone 01728 660010.

For general enquiries or if you would like to join our friendly committee or perhaps volunteer at some of our events, please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall.

Instagram: [peasenhallassembly](https://www.instagram.com/peasenhallassembly).

For more information about what's going on visit:

[www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall](http://www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall)

## **CALLING ALL GARDENERS WITH SPARE TIME!**

Due to varying seasonal weather changes each year, Peasehall Parish Council are considering taking a more flexible approach to our grass cutting responsibilities this year, including interim cuts to cemetery path borders, WW1 memorial area, etc.

We are inviting contact from any local residents who may be interested in regularly cutting the areas of land in the village that are owned or maintained by us. This will be on a self-employed and hourly-rate basis to our technical specifications.

The successful candidate would require an amount of gardening experience and understanding. The work involves strimming, grass/hedge cutting and occasional related land maintenance works as required, starting from April 2025.

If you have your own equipment, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01986 785368 or [Peasehall.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:Peasehall.clerk@hotmail.com), giving your own contact details and someone will get back to you.

*Carol Hume – Parish Clerk*

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Come down and enjoy our green space for a roll up  
at

### **Peasehall and Sibton Bowls Club**

(behind the village hall)

It's the perfect way, for people of all ages and experience,  
to enjoy the outdoors and keep fit.

We are a friendly bunch

All we would ask is that  
you wear soft-soled flat shoes or trainers

Should you be interested,

please contact

**Ian 01986 872378**

or

**Jan 01728 668509**



## SIBTON

### SIBTON CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will be held in the church on April 29th beginning at 10.00am.

All who live in the parish of Sibton are invited to the first part of this meeting in order to elect churchwardens. You will be welcome to stay for the meeting that follows, when you will hear about what has been happening at the church during 2024, and plans that have begun for the long-awaited stabilisation of the medieval nave roof and other major repairs that will be carried out at the same time.

*Andrew Campbell*

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### EVENTS AT ST PETER'S SIBTON

The Friends of St Peter's Sibton are running a series of community events as usual this year, beginning in May.

Join us in Sibton Church for a concert that opens a season on **Saturday May 3rd** at 3.00pm. **Zephyr Baroque** are playing a programme of baroque music on period instruments. It's a format that has proved to be a magical experience in previous years. Sibton's church building is perfect for this kind of music: Liz Alexander – recorders; Karen Bainbridge - baroque bassoon; and Geraldine Taylor – harpsichord. Our concerts are always followed by tea with plentiful supplies of cake.

On **Sunday June 15th** we welcome the **Suffolk Strings Orchestra** for their annual concert.

On **Saturday August 30th** Julie Peter Clayton and Julie Harmer, the **Wollaston Consort**, provide a programme for flute, harpsichord and organ. Flute and harpsichord sound wonderful in Sibton's acoustic, and if you haven't heard the magnificent sound of Sibton's organ before, now is your chance!

The final concert of the season at the church will be in October and will be a **pop music** evening.

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### Sibton's Annual Mighty Three Day Book Sale.

This popular event will be held on **25th, 26th & 27th May, 10.30am – 4.30pm.**

Everything on sale is good-quality second hand: second-hand books are a main attraction: Fiction includes a large number of sci fi titles and non-Fiction where local history is a specialism and there are often other rarities. There are also good quality second-hand clothes for sale; quality collectibles; bric-a-brac; children's books and toys; plants; as well as LPs, DVDs and CDs. All items are individually priced. Refreshments are available all day, Admission is free and there is ample carparking. Sibton church lies on the A1120 between Yoxford and Peasenhall with its car park at IP17 2LX.



**‘FOLK IN RUINS’** is our event held both at Sibton church and, by kind permission of Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, at the Sibton Abbey Ruin. The two day event will be during the **weekend beginning 19th July**:

- On 19th July at the Sibton Abbey Ruin there will be a folk afternoon with **Syzewell Gap**, **Silmor**, and **Mary-Jane & Keith Tyrrell**. There's family entertainment too - **Miraiker's World of Puppets** - including Punch & Judy, interactive circus skills. Tanya Catling will provide **Face painting**, and there's food and drink from **Ollie's Bar** and **Cheryl's Suffolk Catering**.
- On 19th and 20th July at Sibton church it will be **Sibton Folk from the Past** with records of some unexpectedly famous people, and those who have made their home, life and living in Sibton; there'll be opportunity to research into folk buried in the churchyard as well as those recorded with notable monuments in the church itself.
- Refreshments will be available throughout the event at the church as well.
- **Do you have ancestors buried at Sibton?** Do you have research, stories or family trees to share? If so, please contact Jan Belton, [jan.belton@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.belton@btinternet.com) 01728 660111.

All our events will be advertised in advance. Tickets (cash only) will go on sale at the Weavers Tearoom, Peasenhall and the Peasenhall General Stores, as well as on Eventbrite.

Do keep an eye on our website: [sibtonstpeter.com](http://sibtonstpeter.com) and our Facebook page: Friends of St. Peter's Sibton.

*Andrew Campbell*

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## THEBERTON

### NEWS FROM THE THEBERTON LIONESSES

Rather belatedly, we are proud to report that we raised £4,200 at the Jazz Marquee in September. Folk gathered for a real party atmosphere in Ness's beautiful garden. Three of a Kind & Friends played two fabulous sets, although they were rather held up by the team dishing the vast two-course buffet supper to 100 people! The band played their second set whilst we served five choices of puddings under lantern light! All the hard work of gathering enough cutlery, crockery, glassware and platters for serving, preparing and dishing all the food then clearing away(!) was worth the effort. Our guests said what a fabulous time they had.

In February, we gathered in the Theberton Lion for a cheque presentation with John, from EACH and Kelly, from St Elizabeth, both receiving cheques for £2,100.

This is all of us plus landlady Helen and Kelly.



We've got a couple of events planned this year.

Firstly on **Saturday May 17th May at The Jubilee Hall Theberton** (IP16 4SB) we are inviting keen bakers to enter our **Bring Your Bakes** competition. These need to be applied for before 30th April and entry forms are available now from Suzi; please call 01728 635736 or text 07879 685136. Each entry is £1.50 and up to five entries per person allowed for £5.00. The entries need to be in the Jubilee Hall, on 17th May between 9 & 10am. Judging, by Sesi Turnbull and Lily Mills from The Two Magpies in Aldeburgh, will commence at 11am. First prize allocated to the best in each of the six categories: large breads, small breads, large cakes, small cakes, all breads by children under 12 and all cakes by children under 12. The best item in show will receive a beautiful crystal vase. Viewing by exhibitors and the public starts from 2pm. Full afternoon tea will be served from 2pm in the gardens at the back. Stephen Beaumont will be starting the auction of donated entries from 4pm. Do join us: it should be great fun!

On **Saturday August 30th** we are holding a **Ceilidh** (Scottish dance) at Darsham Village Hall from 6pm. There will be a wine reception, a two-course Scottish-themed buffet, then dancing led by local musicians, the Hosepipe Band. Bar with wines, beers, soft drinks and shots of a single malt whiskey. Raffle and prize for best dressed Scottish dancer. Tickets £35.00 limited to 70 tickets already selling fast!

Please contact Suzi on 01728 635736, or email [thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com](mailto:thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com), or text 07879 685136. If you have any comments or events you would like us to host, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Suzi Cooper*



## **Teddies from the Tower**

St Peter's Church, Theberton, Saturday 28th June.  
Save the date - more details to follow. Bears and owners of all ages welcome. In aid of the tower fund.



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### **GET GROWING FOR THEBERTON & EASTBRIDGE FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW!**

Green-fingered villagers, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get sowing! The Theberton & Eastbridge Flower and Produce Show returns on Saturday 26th July at Theberton Jubilee Hall, and we're calling on all gardeners everywhere - whether seasoned growers or enthusiastic beginners - to start nurturing their entries.

This year's vegetable and flower classes have something for everyone, from magnificent marrows to the most bountiful bloom. Categories include: Roots; Legumes & Leaves; Brassicas & Alliums; Squashes & Fruits; and Annuals & Perennials.

Now is the time to plant, prune, and prepare - July will be here before we know it! Keep an eye out for full show details, including entry forms and deadlines. Let's make 2025 a blooming great year!

*Joanna Chapman*

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## **WESTLETON**

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH WESTLETON**

**Easter Day Holy Communion Service April 20th 9.30am**

This will be followed by our traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Come and join us - all welcome.

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### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**May 8th 10am**, St Peter's is holding its APCM in the church. All are very welcome; tea and coffee will be served.

At the meeting we will be seeking a new treasurer, churchwardens, and a secretary, along with more members for the committee. Do come to support and encourage the work of your church and an opportunity to have your say.

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### **'ACCESS FOR ALL' APPEAL UPDATE**

Westleton Church Repairs and Improvements: a very big thank you, we are almost there.

We have just over 90% of the £37,000 appeal target we launched at the end of July. Work is scheduled for November

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## 100 CLUB

We happy to announce that there are sixty-five subscribers to the 100 Club for the year March to February 2025-26, and that they have enabled us to support St Peter's Church and Westleton Village Hall with cheques for £800 each. Many thanks to all those who contributed so generously and good luck in the monthly draw. Draws take place on the second Monday of each month at the Soup and Pud event in the Village Hall.

### March 2025 winners

1st prize: No 153 - John and Debbie Shepherd, 2nd prize: No 111 - Brenda M Bell.

<p><b>COFFEE MORNING CONCERT</b></p> <p><b>Tallis Chamber Orchestra</b> <b>String Quartet</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 12 April, 10.30am</b> <b>St Peter's Church, Westleton, IP17 3AQ</b></p> <p>Divertimento in F major, K. 138 W. A. Mozart</p> <p>String Quartet in C minor, Op.18, No. 4 L. van Beethoven</p> <p><b>Free admission, with a collection for St Peter's Church.</b></p>	<p><i>A Joint Event 2025</i></p> <p><b>St Peter's Church</b> <b>Westleton</b></p> <p><b>"Westleton on the Front Line"</b></p> <p><i>Honouring all who served</i></p> <p><b>Westleton Village Hall</b> <b>Archives Open Days</b></p> <p><b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>11am to 4pm    Free Entry</b> <i>Tea &amp; Coffee available at the Hall</i></p>
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## WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL APRIL 2025

On **Saturday 5th April** the **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** will again be in the Foyer from 10am -12.30pm. You will find local produce and artisan crafts such as handmade soaps and skin care products, as well as bric-a-brac stalls to find that bargain. Refreshments will be available.

**Film Night** is in the evening of the same day **5th April** with a showing of *Twisters*, a 2024 American Disaster film directed by Lee Isaac Chung. It follows clashing groups of storm chasers who investigate a tornado outbreak in Oklahoma. Doors and the bar open at 7pm with the film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets are only available on the door at the very reasonable price of £5 each.

On **Saturday 12th April** there will be a **Vintage and Nearly New Clothing Sale**. Entry is only 50p for this event which will run from 11am-4pm. Refreshments will be available.

**Art in the Foyer in April** - we are delighted that our foyer will host a collection of very individual photographs by Carole Homersham, titled '**A Different View**'. Her exhibition will be available to view from 1st - 30th April with most photographs available to purchase.

**Archives Open Days** we will be joining with St Peter's Church for an exhibition '**Westleton on the Front Line - Honouring all who Served**'. This will be a two day event over Easter Sunday and Monday **20th/21st April**. Entry is free and the exhibition will run from 11am – 4pm. Refreshments will be available in the Hall Foyer (see notice opposite).

**Foyer:** please come and join us for coffee, tea etc. and a chat. Open weekdays daily 10am – 12pm. The Chess and Coffee Group also runs on a Wednesday from here.

**Tech Table:** The 'Tech Team' are available every Tuesday morning in the Foyer to answer your queries and guide you through any PC/Laptop issues that you may have. You may book a slot by contacting Lesley- [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk) or just call in and the team will endeavour to help if there is availability.

**Hairdressing:** Hannah Cutting from Travelling Salon will be visiting on **Tuesday 1st April 10am -12pm**. If you would like to book or have a chat about your requirements, she can be contacted on 07856 517925 or email: [travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com)

**Footcare with Susan** - will be visiting the Hall on **10th & 11th April**. To book an appointment on either of these days, telephone:- 01986 872067 or 07497 371073. Email: [susan@nobadfeet.co.uk](mailto:susan@nobadfeet.co.uk)

**Reflexology** is back on Saturday 26th April from 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or [www.julietoverton.co.uk](http://www.julietoverton.co.uk)

To see our latest timetable of events and activities, please see our events page on our website [www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk) or join us on Facebook and Instagram. For more information on any of these events or to go onto our monthly mailing list, please contact the Centre Manager on email [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk) or 01728 648354.

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## **WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS**

As the nesting season has begun, there are no **Working Parties** until **September**.

The second **Nature Walk** of the year takes place on **Saturday 12th April** from 10.30am to about 12 noon.

Please meet by the main Common Noticeboard opposite the green storage container in the car park to the right at the top of Mill Street.

## **WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council invites all parishioners to attend the Annual Residents meeting



at 7pm on Monday 28th April when we will provide an update on all key matters including Sizewell C and the cabling projects. Tea/coffee will be provided before the meeting.

Recent developments of note are that the planning application for the medical waste incinerator at Hinton has been formally withdrawn, and that National Grid Ventures has chosen Walberswick (instead of Southwold) as the preferred landfall site for the cables connecting the UK to the Dutch windfarms/energy network. The cables will then travel south underground to the proposed substation and converter stations at Saxmundham, passing by the northwest of Westleton. Their precise route around Westleton is not yet known.

Thank you to all who have already emailed Ian Haines, the Parish Council's Clerk, saying you are interested in an allotment. If you are interested but have not already emailed Ian, please do so asap his address is: [clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The April Parish Council surgery will be on Monday 28 April - 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. Please feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors.

*Andrew Turner, Chair*

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## **OPEN GARDEN – Save the date**

**The Barn, Westleton  
Sunday 15th June 2-5pm**

In aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution  
Refreshments available. Dogs welcomed on a lead.

*(The garden is featured on the Fisherman's cover this month).*

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## **YOXFORD**

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

Spring has finally sprung! The early March warm weather has lifted our spirits after the wet, cold winter. April is here and the clocks have sprung forward with longer, lighter evenings again. The daffodils' golden hue is a delight to behold and there are signs of spring everywhere. Easter being later this year, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 13th April. At Yoxford on Wednesday 16th April our midweek Holy Communion service at 10am will be followed by an Easter coffee morning from 10.30 to 11.30 with coffee and hot cross buns.

For Easter flowers, any floral arrangements please on Saturday 19th April will be welcome. Our Easter Day Holy Communion service will be at the normal time of 9.30am. Please do come into church - our door is open to all, whether for quiet prayer or worship at one of our services, especially during Holy Week. Wishing you a happy and a blessed Easter time.

*Lynne Putland, Churchwarden*

## CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Thank you to all of those who turned up to spring clean the church at Yoxford. We really got a lot done and it looks so much better. Minus the cobwebs!

There is a new cleaning rota on the board in the church. If you would like to sign up for one of the months in the year it would be much appreciated". *Julian Lock*

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**YOXFORD HISTORY GROUP presents**

### **YOXFORD AT WORK**

**Saturday 12th April, 11am-4pm**

**Yoxford Village Hall**

**Tea and Cakes**

Come and find out about our Coopers, Tailors,  
Thatchers, Bakers, Dressmakers, Grocers,  
Wheelwrights, Drapers, Harness makers,  
Motor Mechanics, Coal Merchants, Mineral Water  
Manufacturers, Gardeners, Clock & Watchmakers,  
Photographers, Chimney Sweeps,  
Postmistresses, Farmers

### **ART AFFAIR**

A celebration of local artists and makers

Come along and browse or buy

**YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025**

10.30 - 4.00PM - FREE ENTRY

(Refreshments Available)

Enquiries: [Suffolkartaffair@gmail.com](mailto:Suffolkartaffair@gmail.com)  
(Proceeds to Yoxford Village Hall)

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## **YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Volunteer Matters**

Date for your diary: **17th May 10am**. Meet at the Village Hall where Cllr Nicol McCallum will distribute bags and grabbers for a village litter pick. And, while we're talking about litter, a huge thanks to the person who, like a silent litter ninja, on a regular basis and without any shouting or announcing, grabs a bag and scoops up litter. Aren't we lucky to have such kind people around us?

**More Volunteers** are still needed to care for **Yoxwood**, our **Community Woodland**.

The voluntary team works largely autonomously, with some financial support from the Council. Committed to preserving this idyllic place in perpetuity for the village, if you share the PC's vision, have green fingers and a couple of hours to spare each month and would like to help preserve and continue to shape this wonderful legacy, please contact the Clerk [parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com) or **07767 987691**.

And, talking of volunteers, there is still a **vacancy** on **Yoxford Parish Council** so if you'd like to make a difference and work with ten other members of the village who are committed to improving life for us all, please contact the Clerk for more information.

**Other News...**the PC has reviewed its management of the **Cemetery** and **Yoxwood** and from May will be implementing a new service for the provision of commemorative benches, plaques and trees. Watch this space and the village website for further information.

If you haven't already, you'll be seeing the coming year's Council Tax Bill sliding its way through your letter box. With the continuing rise in so many day-to-day costs, times remain uncertain and financially tough for many. At its meeting in January, the Parish Council voted to keep its Precept request at the current level, and decided again that it would need to dip into its savings to meet its financial obligations. A rainy-day fund is useful for a parish council too!

Want to keep in touch with the work of your Council? Read the *minutes* of every month's meeting online at [Yoxford Parish Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**The Sizewell C Project** is picking up apace. The PC receives updates which it posts on the village website for your information. Keep up to date on <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/sizewell-c-updates/>

**Planning Matters...** You may have heard that this week, the planning application for *The Griffin* and *car park* was approved by East Suffolk Council. To watch back the committee meeting, see here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4vo515daag>

Given how many energy projects are coming online along the east coast, the Parish Council has linked with SEAS (Suffolk Energy Action Solutions) who will be delivering an information-packed presentation on 17th April. Please join us. Further information on the organisation here at <https://www.suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk/>

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## **YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL**

### **Special Events:**

Nature Talk with Paul Taylor. 5th April Doors open 7pm £5 entry  
SEAS Energy Projects Info Evening 17th April Start: 7pm. Free entry

### **Regular Events**

Meet-Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11:00am – 12:00pm  
Meet-Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month  
Table Tennis – Tuesdays – 7:00pm – 9:00pm, £4 per session  
Outreach Post Office Mobile Van - Wednesdays - 9:15am – 10:15am  
Art Classes – Thursdays – 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Youth Club - Thursdays – 6:00pm to 8:00pm - 11-18 year olds  
Parish Council – first Thursday of the month - 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Film Night - Friday 11th April. doors open 6.30pm *Small Things Like These*  
Community Pub Nights. Last Friday of every month from 6-11pm, 25th April  
Boules/Pétanque Pistes – available for community use, no need to book  
Tennis Courts – to book, contact Laura Greenberg on 07867 521697  
Hall and Marquee Hire – to book, contact Hazel Wheeler on 07748 784909

## **YOXFAYRE Saturday 5 July**

### **CALLING ALL GARDENERS**

The Yoxfayre plant stall needs you.

Would you mind planting a few extra seeds and saving some cuttings?  
Or if you are digging out plants or bulbs over the next few months,  
please let us know as we are happy to store them until the fair.

Yoxfayre is going to be the biggest fun family day in July so please contact  
[yoxfayre@gmail.com](mailto:yoxfayre@gmail.com) if you can help.

### **WOODBIDGE ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS' FAIR**

Bank Holiday Monday 21st April, 9.30am-4pm, Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Rd. To book call Jen on 07788 942051.

### **JENNY'S CHARITY BINGO**

Every Tuesday evening at Woodbridge Community Hall. 7.45-10pm. Refreshments available. Over-18s only.

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### **NATIONAL "DRIVE-IT DAY" – PIT STOP AT WRENTHAM CHAPEL**

Drivers and passengers of classic vehicles, taking to the roads on Sunday April 27th, are welcome to make a pit-stop at Wrentham Chapel to enjoy complimentary refreshments and our other "facilities". Open 10am – 4pm. Other visitors are also welcome to call in to look at the vehicles on display and the Chapel itself. A short, informal act of worship with a transport-linked theme, will take place at 3pm and all are welcome to attend. Details from Sue & Ken 07771 882738.

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