

# Church and Village News September 2022

Bedfield, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington and Worlingworth

## Special Harvest Edition

All Churches have Harvest Festival services in September / Early October

The Harvest Service at Tannington at 11 a.m. on 18th September They will be doing some appropriate "Harvesty" refreshments afterwards.

St Margaret's, Southolt Saturday 24th September 6.00pm

St Marys Worlingworth Harvest Festival at 4pm on the 25th of September, led by Richard Court. The school bring their gifts for the base of the font and these with the gifts from church members will all be given to Waveney food bank.

The Harvest festival at St. Peter's Church, Monk Soham, will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. The Pastoral Quire will help to lead the singing of the Evensong service for Harvest. It will be much appreciated if the people who normally decorate for harvest can decorate their normal windows, and as in past years The tins, fruit and vegetables will go to the Light House refuge for women and their children, as has been done for several years. They are always very grateful and appreciate this kindness.

Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas Church Bedfield 2nd October at 3pm followed by Cream Tea. Or join us at 4pm just for the tea. Everyone is very welcome. In support of the Addington Trust.

**St Marys , Worlingworth**, special service this month, on Sunday, the 11th of September, at 11.am. This is Education Sunday, an annual service in the church calendar. A Let's Celebrate service led by Lay Ministry.

**ADVANCE NOTICES : Dates for your diary.** On the 8th of October in the Community Centre A Jumble Sale, details of times in the next newsletter.

A Coffee Morning in the Church on the 10th of December, 11am to 2pm  
More details later. Both the above will be in aid of church funds.

### **Monk Soham**

Choral Compline :- the success of the choral Compline Over last few years has continued to grow, this year with Our highest congregation attendance, with people joining us from across the benefice, and else where. The service of Choral compline, took place in St. Peter's Church Monk Soham On the last 3 Fridays during August at 7p.m. led by Rev'd Rebecca Artiss and the Pastoral Quire. Our thanks go to these as well as to all who attended to sing, join in with or listen, making these quiet and different service for end of the day the success they have been.

**Church and Village News - Bedfield** If you live in Bedfield, some of you may have noticed that the person delivering your newsletter each month has recently changed. The Friends of Bedfield Heritage (formerly the Friends of St Nicholas) have recently been handed the batten from the Bedfield Town Trust Estate– to whom a huge thank you is owed for undertaking this task for so long. Thank you to the Trust and everyone who delivered in the past!! We now have a lovely new team comprising: Julie Billington, Gill Edmunds, Anne Hammond, Marie Hunt, Pam & Laura Jackson, Susan Leverick and Maureen Whiteman, overseen by Jane Sullivan. If you have any issues with your delivery or know of anyone who is not receiving one (every house in Bedfield should get one) – please let Jane know on 07580 386015.

I am again training to run the London Marathon on 2nd October. Training has been pretty tough this year, with lots of early starts in order to be out before the hottest part of the day. I'm running as part of the charity team for Breast Cancer Now, 9 years after my own diagnosis of breast cancer. The charity helps those diagnosed with breast cancer and funds critical research. I would really appreciate any support and you can sponsor me at:

**[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lynne-Spence4](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lynne-Spence4)**

Bowls Night at the Community Centre and the bar will be open. Next game Friday **2nd September** email **sandragooderham65@icloud**.



## WORLINGWORTH AND TANNINGTON WI

WEDNESDAY 7th September

Speaker Christopher Parfitt- Petra and Beyond

New Members welcome

For more information please telephone

Val: 01728 628068 or Jenny: 01728 628798

## Occold FC require players for their U14s team, playing in Worlingworth.

They currently train at Worlingworth Community Centre on a Tuesday 6-7pm and matches are Saturday mornings.

For more information please contact: Chris Brown 07780335359

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September Bingo Night, 6.30 open. Eyes Down 7.30pm!

**Family Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 3pm onwards.** There will be a BBQ and a bouncy castle. Hopefully we will still have the weather for it.



I expect you have seen me running around Worlingworth and neighbouring villages. I am running this years London Marathon on 2nd October on behalf of Diabetes Uk. If you would like to make a donation and sponsor me please visit **my JustGiving page Thomas Beecroft.**

Thank you to everyone who has bought flowers and Plants from the stall in Church Road - to date money raised is £240 which is going towards the Diabetes fund.

**St Nicholas Church, Bedfield at 10am**

## **Ride and Stride**

This year's Ride and Stride event in Bedfield is combining forces with a Macmillan Coffee and Cake event. Starting there will be cake and coffee available before you set off on your cycle ride or your walk.

There will also be a tombola and a cake stall throughout the day to receive cyclists and walkers from other churches (who will be actively encouraged to eat cake!) and to replenish the Bedfielders on their return.

The Annual Sponsored **Ride and Stride** started in Suffolk and is now a national event with cyclists and walkers all-round the country taking part. The event is the main source of income to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to enable it to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs. It is run entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational, with participants sponsored for each place of worship visited on the day or with a donation, regardless of the number of churches visited.

The money raised by each cyclist or walker is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant – please choose St Nicholas, of course, to help preserve and improve facilities at our beautiful, historic building.

Sponsor forms are available from [Kathy Thurman](#) or Debbie Pritchard.

If you want to **ride in a Bedfield group** – please contact [Jane Sullivan](#). Various routes and distances will be available, and it will be a fun, sociable day out.

We are looking for an **organiser for a group walk** – please contact [Debbie Pritchard](#). Dogs are welcome on the walk.

Please see further details on <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> and from that website you can download the sponsorship paperwork, find details of the Ride and Stride's JustGiving web page and a full list of churches and chapels that are expected to be open. The Ride and Stride's sister event, [the Pedal and Drive](#) for vintage and classic cars, is held on the same day.

**Macmillan Cancer Support** is a leading charity for the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer, including supporting those in our own community. The funds raised from coffee and cake will be donated to this amazing cause.

We are looking for **bakers of cakes and volunteers** to help on the stall on the day. Please contact Debbie if you can help. **All are welcome to take part in these events and we look forward to seeing you at St Nicholas Church on 10 September**

Debbie Pritchard – 07827 299490, Jane Sullivan – 07580 386015.

**Newly formed in 2022, the Friends of Bedfield Heritage** (formerly the Friends of St Nicholas) are an independent group of 65+ members of the local community. The group is friendly, welcoming, sociable and a lot of fun! Membership is free and is open to all - without any qualms about whether one attends services or not, what your beliefs are – or were – or whether you have any religious beliefs at all. The group has in its membership some of the most christian, non-Christian members!

It's aims are to firstly, to preserve the historic fabric of St. Nicholas Church and the wider history of the community and secondly, to encourage and actively develop the community life of Bedfield.

The Friends give their time and their talents to support community events and activities, to fundraise and to help with the maintenance of the church. For example, we undertook five days of fundraising over the Platinum Jubilee raising over £2000 for eight charities and to kick start our village toilet campaign. Friends can be involved in as few, or as many, things as they like with no pressure – just bring yourself and some laughter.

The church building is, of course, the oldest in the village and the most impressive building that is open to all of us. It is a focal point – and one which could be used much more: not just more weddings & christenings but for more community gatherings – such as concerts, talks, quizzes etc. Imagine attending a concert with the flag flying on the tower, the bells pealing out – and your relief that you know that there is an accessible toilet in the churchyard!

The Friends are led by a committee comprising – Jane Sullivan (Chair), Andrew Pritchard (Vice-Chair), Miranda Courteen, Lin Ford, Anne Hammond, Susan Leverick and Camilla Rhodes with Chris Leverick as our accountant.

Our priority projects are:

Toilet Project: Installing a compostable toilet in the churchyard which will be open to all – villagers, walkers and church visitors alike. Project lead: Debra Pritchard with Susan Leverick.

Tower Project: looking at the practicalities and costings to replace the hard-board above the vestry with glazing or insulation; erecting the flagpole on the tower; and restoring the bells. Project lead: Jane Sullivan with Camilla Rhodes.

History Project: capturing significant historical places, events and people within Bedfield and making this information available to all. Project lead: tbc

Do you want to join our friendly Friends?

Can you help with our projects and/or our fundraising events?

We would love you to join us!

Please contact Jane Sullivan on **07580 386015** or at **andjes@aol.com**

**Project Lead contacts:**

Toilet: Debra Pritchard – 07827 299490 Tower: Jane Sullivan – 07580 386015



**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm  
in the Community Centre  
All are welcome**

**[worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com)**

Minutes of previous parish council meetings can be viewed on the village website at [www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net](http://www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net)

## **FREE TREES!!!**

The Parish Council has received a very kind donation of approximately 50 potted saplings of various native trees (elm/oak/holly/hawthorn to name a few) and as a result are looking for locations to plant these trees. If you think you have a suitable location for one or two (or maybe more!) then please let Tree Warden Francis Muldoon know by making contact with him on 01728 627166 or [j50fjm@gmail.com](mailto:j50fjm@gmail.com)

In addition, the Woodland Trust and again offering tree planting and hedging packs free of charge, in conjunction with the Suffolk Tree Warden Network. These packs are better suited for landowners with a larger area that can be planted. Again please contact Francis (details as above) if you think you have somewhere suitable.

### **Dates for Your Diary:**

**Annual Footpath Walking Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – we will be meeting at the Community Centre at 10.15 am before heading off to explore the wonderful network of paths around the village, then return to the Community Centre to enjoy a delicious lunch. By ensuring all parts of the footpath network are walked any issues that may require attention can be reported and remedied.

**Autumn Tidy – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Again meeting at 10.15 am at the Community Centre. Litter pickers, high viz jackets and gloves will all be provided along with a light lunch for all participants upon completion. This is a chance to give back to your community and help improve your own local environment, whilst making new friends!

**Website Update Emails** If you would like to subscribe to a mailing list to receive notifications of when updates have been posted to the village website, please email [worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com) with “PC Alerts” in the subject line. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

### **Welcome Pack New residents For Worlingworth and Southolt**

Thanks to Jane Butler who has taken over the distribution of the Welcome Pack which is a joint project by The Parish Council and the Church. If you wish to receive a copy please contact Jane on : 01728 628330. Also on website [www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net](http://www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net)

## **NEWS FROM WORLINGWORTH CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL** If Music Be the Food of Learning, Play On!

This year, we will be focussing on further developing our musical curriculum; teaching the children a love of listening to and participating in a range of music. So, to begin our musical journey, we have a musical theme for the names of our four classes with each class being named after a classical composer. Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception are in Elgar Class, Our KS1 class are called Vivaldi Class, our Years 3 and 4 class is called Britten Class and our Years 5 and 6 class is called Chopin Class. Children will be learning about their composer and listening to and evaluating their music. Throughout the year, a variety of music will be played in the classrooms and to begin Collective Worship and we are planning to take the children to a classical concert in the future so they can experience the beauty of an orchestra playing. Our weekly celebration assembly will include our 'Virtuoso of the Week' award for a pupil who has shown considerable skill and achievement in their learning that week. Their musical note will be placed on our whole school display to create our own musical composition of greatness!

**New Year – New Teachers** We are very excited to welcome new teachers to the school: Mrs Brkovic who will teach in Elgar Class and Mrs Havers will be teaching in Vivaldi and Britten Class. We look forward to helping them both settle in and to see them apply their considerable experience and skills to become vital parts of our growing school community. **School Improvements** Taking a pride in all that we do is something we teach the children and so the school has had a mini make-over! Last month when the school was closed, was a good opportunity to get some much-needed redecorating completed and new carpets fitted into two classrooms. Outside the doors and windowsills have been repainted and new eye-catching signs are ready to be fitted onto the building showing our new logo. Both pupils and staff appreciate the care shown and the smart improvements!

**Whole School Topic** For the Autumn term our curriculum will be taught through our exciting new whole school topic 'What A Wonderful World!'. To begin this intriguing global topic, the children's learning will take them to South America, China and North & South Poles bringing with them a wealth of geographical questions for the children to investigate about the people, landscape, culture, wildlife and climate. Each class will participate in cross-curricular learning about their topic and explore the continents of our world using maps and globes.

**Rainbow Values** Our Rainbow Values continue to be very much part of daily life and learning at the school. We want all our children (new and old) to have a positive start to school and so collective worship and lessons are carefully planned around our values with a focus on teaching the children the importance of listening, friendship and showing compassion and tolerance in our community and further afield. Our focus for the first term will be 'Responsibility' and how we can show responsibility in our actions, words and beliefs.

**Harvest Festival** It has been a very dry summer and as a result, an early harvest took place in July but there will still be plenty of fruit and vegetables to harvest in our gardens! September always sees us celebrating this special time and once again this year, we shall link with the Harvest Festival in St. Mary's, creating displays for the service there. In school, we will also be holding a special Collective Worship that week led by Rev Chrissie Smart. We will celebrate and remember in our prayers how lucky we are, particularly in a world with growing needs and complexities and the children will donate produce to go to the Church and then to be given to local Food Banks to help those in need in our community.

**Willows Nursery** Our full-time nursery continues to blossom with numbers increasing! Our youngest and newest children are all quickly settling in and enjoy learning through lots of role-play, listening to lots of stories and getting busy building and co-operating together as well as having fun playing games in their wonderful Early Years garden. We always welcome enquiries from new parents so please do not hesitate to contact the office if you would like an appointment to visit and see the curriculum in action.

## Four Rivers September

## Church Services.

| <b>Benefice</b><br>9 Churches<br><b>2022</b> | Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> .<br>12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity<br>Proper 18 | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> .<br>13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity<br>Proper 19 | Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> .<br>14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity<br>Proper 20 | Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> .<br>15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity<br>Proper 21 |
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| <b>St. Nicholas<br/>Bedfield.</b>            | <b>10.30</b><br>Holy Communion<br>CS                                    | <b>10.30</b><br>Family Service<br>LE LH                                  |  | <b>10.30</b><br>Morning Praise<br>CS                                     |
| <b>St. Peter.<br/>Monk Soham.</b>            | <b>11.00</b><br>Family Service<br>RA                                    | <b>11.00</b><br>Morning Prayer<br>RA                                     | <b>11.00</b><br>Holy Communion<br>RA                                     | <b>11.00</b><br>Morning Prayer<br>Patronal RA                            |
| <b>St. Ethelbert.<br/>Tannington.</b>        |   |  | <b>11.00 DM</b><br>Harvest & H.C   |  |
| <b>St. Margaret.<br/>Southolt.</b>           |   |  | <b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 6.00p.m.</b><br>Harvest Service            |  |
| <b>St. Mary.<br/>Worlingworth.</b>           | <b>11.00</b><br>Holy Communion<br>BCP<br>DM                             | <b>11.00</b><br>Let's Celebrate<br>Education Sunday<br>LE                | Please<br>Support<br>Tannington's<br>11.00 service                       | <b>4.00p.m.</b><br>Harvest<br>Praise<br>Rev.Richard Court                |
| <b>St. Lawrence<br/>Brundish.</b>            | <b>9.00</b><br>Holy Communion<br>BCP<br>RA                              | <b>10.00</b><br>Village Worship<br>LE SA                                 |  | <b>10.30</b><br>Holy Communion<br>DM                                     |
| <b>St. Mary.<br/>Cratfield.</b>              |   | <b>6.00pm</b><br>Evensong<br>MT  | <b>9.00</b><br>Village Worship<br>CM                                     | <b>9.00</b><br>Holy Communion<br>RA                                      |
| <b>All Saints<br/>Laxfield.</b>              | <b>10.30</b><br>Celtic Morning<br>Service<br>LE                         | <b>10.30</b><br>Holy Communion<br>DM                                     | <b>10.30</b><br>Harvest<br>Festival<br>CS                                | <b>10.30</b><br>Fourth Sunday<br>Worship<br>FS Team                      |
| <b>St. Mary.<br/>Wilby.</b>                  | <b>10.30</b><br>Village Worship<br>LE SP                                | <b>10.30</b><br>Holy Communion<br>CS                                     | <b>10.30</b><br>Village Worship<br>LE SP                                 | <b>6.00p.m.</b><br>Harvest Festival<br>LE SP                             |

### Zoom Services

Online

Celtic Prayer Wednesdays 7pm.

Fridays 9a.m.

To join us, email: [rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com](mailto:rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com) and you will be sent details.

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| Ps.1 Green     | Ps.51:1-10 Green  | Ps.113 Green    | Ps.146 Green     |
| Deut 30:15-end | Exodus 32:7-14    | Amos 8:4-7      | Amos 6:1a,4-7    |
| Philemon 1-21  | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 |
| Luke 14:25-33  | Luke 15:1-10      | Luke 16:1-13    | Luke 16:19-31    |

Services may not be as listed above. If you wish to confirm the time and format, please telephone a Church

# October

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| <b>Sunday 2nd.</b><br>16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity<br>Proper 22           |  | <b>Sunday 9th.</b><br>17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity<br>Proper 23 |  | <b>For Pastoral Care, Baptisms, Wedding or Funeral arrangements please contact:</b><br>Initially, a <b>Churchwarden</b> in your Parish. Or the Benefice Emergency number. 07341 480966   |  |
| <b>3.00p.m. Harvest CS</b>  |  | <b>10.30 Family Service LE SP</b>                                 |  | <b>Churchwardens. Elders. Contacts. Tel:</b><br><b>St. Nicholas.</b> Jenny Hinchey 07710 218957<br><b>Bedfield</b> Rev. Chrissie Smart 01728 627838  |  |
| <b>Friday 30th Sept. 7.30p.m. Harvest RA</b>                                |  | <b>11.00 Morning Prayer RA</b>                                    |  | <b>St. Peter.</b> Rev. Rebecca Artiss 01728 685663<br><b>Monk Soham.</b> <b>Geoff Artiss</b> 01728 685663  |  |
|   |  |   |  | <b>St. Ethelbert.</b> <b>Chloe Cross</b> 07714 734756<br><b>Tannington.</b> Rev. D Mulrenan 01728 628063<br><b>St. Margaret.</b> Secretary,<br><b>Southolt.</b> Sarah Dmec 01728 627949  |  |
| <b>11.00 Holy Communion BCP DM</b>  |  | <b>11.00 Let's Celebrate LE</b>                                   |  | <b>St. Mary. Ww</b> <b>Ann Davidson</b> 01728 627862<br>Cwarden & LE <b>Bert Stanford</b> 01728 628474<br>Lay Elder. Val. Swallow 01728 628068<br>LLM MS Lay Minister. Mark Sheard   |  |
| <b>9.00 DM Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Harvest</b>                              |  | <b>10.00 Village Worship LE SA</b>                                |  | St. Lawrence. Brundish.<br>Lay Elder. SA Sandra Apps   |  |
|   |  | <b>6.00pm Harvest EP CM</b>                                       |  | St. Mary. Andy Edmunds 01986 798523<br>Cratfield. Rev. Clive Mobbs<br>Lay Elder. TM Margaret Thompson 07906 509302   |  |
| <b>10.30 Celtic Morning Service LE</b>                                      |  | <b>10.30 Holy Communion CS</b>                                    |  | All Saints <b>Liz Hammond</b> 01986 798726<br>Laxfield.<br>Lay Elder. Sally Clarke   |  |
| <b>10.30 Village Worship LE SP</b>  |  | <b>10.30 Holy Communion CS</b>                                    |  | St. Mary. <b>Mary Pipe</b> 01728 723443<br>Wilby. <b>Rob Barber</b> 01379 388040<br>Lay Elder. SP Sheila Pipe 01728 723443   |  |
|   |  |   |  | <b>Clergy.</b> Rural Dean's day off is Saturday.<br>Rural Dean; Canon Susan Loxton 01379 388493<br>Administrator. Virginia Skoyles 07900 350117<br>RA * Rev. Rebecca Artiss 01728 685663<br>CM * Rev. Clive Mobbs<br>DM * Rev. David Mulrenan 01728 628063<br>CS * Rev. Chrissie Smart 01728 627838<br>RO * Rev. Ron Orams. <i>Retired</i> 07721 682183<br>LE = Lay Elder licensed to Benefice |  |
| Ps.37:1-9 Green<br>Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4<br>2 Timothy 1:1-14<br>Luke 17:5-10 |  | *Denotes }<br>Self Supporting }<br>Minister }                     |  |  |  |

Churchwarden or LE in the Parish.

**HIGH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY BUS - The bus service for EVERYONE not only if you have a bus pass!!! .**

**Weekly services to Framlingham - Tuesdays, Stowmarket- Thursdays, and Diss - Fridays . CANCELLED Due to Shortage of drivers the Stowmarket run on 22nd September**

**September Dates : Ipswich –21st, Bury –7th and 17th ,  
Norwich –10th and 28th**

**Sea Side special to Lowestoft Monday 26th**

**More details Alan 01728 685694 / Val 01728 628068 OR check web site**

High Suffolk Community Bus

In the autumn a new bus will be delivered

This will be an Automatic Drive

We are desperately seeking new drivers

The Timetable of the Bus has three weekend slots each month, along with the daily slots

So if you are free Please contact

**Alan 01728 685694 for more details**

### **Worlingworth Gardening Club**

Despite a very disappointing amount of people able to come to our last visit, the small band of us had a wonderful time with a very interesting guided tour around. Henstead Exotic garden. Andrew Brogan took us around giving us enormous amount of information which was simply fascinating, learning how he had started everything from scratch. The trees and plants there now are a wonderful size. When we'd finished our tour we sat down to a welcome cup of tea and a delicious sponge cake! We all chatted for some time and Andrew seemed in no hurry to get rid of us! Although there are several steps to get around, with care and a walking stick it was manageable and most enjoyable. It's open on Sundays for ordinary visits. Our September visit on Wednesday 28th will be near the coast. For more information contact Judith 07747 023 994 or [judesmallco@icloud.com](mailto:judesmallco@icloud.com)

## Bedfield and Monk Soham Community Club

The Post Office is open every Tuesday morning from 9.15 am to 11.15 am in the Community Hub (pavilion).



**Did you know?** Not only can you buy stamps and send parcels, but you can also bank cash into your bank account and withdraw cash (even if you bank with another provider).

There is also a pop-up shop selling essential items.

The pop-up Café also opens every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Warm scones are always available to eat in or takeaway. Come and join us for a cuppa and a catch up with friends and neighbours.

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Pop-Up Pub at the HUB

7 p.m. 'till late. A chance to enjoy a drink and have a chat in good company. Keep the date in your diary!

Our facilities are available for hire and details are available on the websites [bedfield.onesuffolk.net](http://bedfield.onesuffolk.net) and [monksoham.onesuffolk.net](http://monksoham.onesuffolk.net), or you can contact us via the email address below.

### Bedfield And Monk Soham residents – Have you signed up yet?

We email regular newsletters to keep residents of Bedfield and Monk Soham informed of all village activities. To subscribe to the newsletters, please email: [bedfield-monksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfield-monksoham@btinternet.com)

The email can be used by residents to inform everyone who subscribes about forthcoming events and other important information.

### Newsletters can be viewed on the websites:

All the latest information is on the village websites listed above.

You can also follow the Facebook page [Bedfield and Monk Soham Community Club](https://www.facebook.com/Bedfield-and-Monk-Soham-Community-Club/)

**BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM GARDENING CLUB** Our Daisy Cottage plant stall has now finished till the Spring. Thank you again to Debbie Pritchard for maintaining it. We hope you have enjoyed the plants you've purchased.

Thank you to Gay and Geoff (Clarke) for a really successful August summer's evening garden get together. They offered a selection of garden games, some delicious cake and, as promised by Gay, a stunning sunset! **Our September meeting is** one of our popular 'Warts 'N All' Garden visits to Lisa (Crane) at 3, Chambers Close, September 16th. 6pm prompt. Informal friendly gardening ideas and inspirations shared with our host. Refreshments too.

Meanwhile, happy gardening! **Barbara (Lee)** [gardenclubgarden@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubgarden@gmail.com)

*While we are waiting for a new Priest in Charge for the Four Rivers Benefice, the other clergy are writing the messages for the monthly magazines; our message for September is from Revd Chrissie Smart.*

In dwelling upon what to write for the September magazines, I began to think about the harvest and all that has been going on around us – the fire in Brundish and Worlingworth and elsewhere and the threat to crops due to the hot weather. Most of the Harvest Festivals for the Benefice are either in September or early October when much seems to be gathered in so should we be thinking of having earlier services next year? Certainly Lammas occurred after the first wheat had been cut.

And then I started to think about the Bible passages of turning swords into plowshares (Isaiah). In looking this up, I remembered also the verse turning plowshares into swords (Joel) and wondered about the seeming conflict. Perhaps folk believed that the only way to keep peace was by the sword and to defeat the enemy and keep them in their place, more swords would need to be made from the plowshares. Of course, my prayer is for Russia, Ukraine and other war torn countries to find peace with one another and I ask that you join in with me in this.

Now there is the potential for new growth in the Four Rivers Benefice. Like me, I am certain that folk are looking forward to when the vacancy is filled. What might potential applicants see when looking at our parishes? How do we work together as a team? What is growing, where is there new growth, what may need nurturing and how we might sustain one another through the difficult days of winter with the hike in prices that may prevent many of us from turning on our heating or our lights?

So much to ponder. Let us join together in thanking the good Lord for what we do have and looking forward to how we may be, in that well known saying, Stronger Together!

*Chrissie Smart.*

*Mary Magdalene*  
Songs from the musical by Roger Jones

Sung by the  
*Combined Churches' Choir*

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 6pm**  
St Mary Magdalene Church, Debenham  
£7.50 on the door - includes a glass of wine and nibbles  
*In aid of the Debenham Church Discretionary Fund,  
helping local people in need*

## Bedfield School

*Message from Imogen Wallis, new Executive Headteacher at Bedfield.*



I am delighted to be joining Bedfield C of E Primary School this Autumn term. My appointment heralds the beginning of a partnership between the school and Wetheringsett C of E Primary School as a means of sharing and developing practice in teaching and learning to benefit both schools. The school's motto, inspired by a quote by Stephen Hawkins, 'Be brave, be curious, be determined, overcome the odds. It can be done,' will continue to inspire both children and staff as they start different topics and programmes of study in their new year groups. Together with Carly Holland, our Business Manager and Greenhouse School Websites I have worked on developing a new website for the school which will showcase the great work being done and the broad range of events and activities the children will be involved in. The website will be user-friendly and help keep visitors up to date with information about the school and new initiatives. We have had some beautiful photographs taken of the children by a professional photographer to share on a website and I include a small sample here.



In starting in my new post, I would like to pay tribute to the hard work that has gone into the school by Martine Sills, who served the school as teacher and headteacher for sixteen years of dedicated service. Also, to thank Lynne Golding who worked very hard this last summer term to help put plans in place for this coming year. Also a thanks to all the teaching staff and their continued enthusiasm and dedication to the school.

Autumn is an exciting term in the school year as it represents a new season and new beginning to the academic year. I feel privileged to have the chance to join this school community and to get to know the children and start to see their skills and talents develop.

Watch this space as we begin to make more news to share with you.

[www.bedfieldschool.co.uk](http://www.bedfieldschool.co.uk)

Items for October 2022 newsletter by 19th September to Val Swallow :  
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For more information please contact Anne Artiss 01728 685 663

Suffolk Historic Churches trust 'Ride and Stride' September 10th

Southolt, you can now use 'Just Giving' on the internet, to give money to support your riders and recorders. Just use the SHCT, JUST GIVING page and in the 'Message' section put Southolt, St Margaret's Church. It's easy and money is split between SHCT and St Margaret's Southolt. Any queries contact Maureen 07748801133

The Worlingworth Community Centre is desperately seeking new volunteers (Trustees)

With the rising energy costs, the community centre is in urgent need of support to keep it running. In order to do this, we need to organise more fund-raising events. Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers to offer more than we already do at present.

With the facilities we have at the community centre we are hoping to offer a film club, evening exercise class and plan a village fete for 2023! We will not be able to do this, and much more, without further support.

We would like to cater for all ages in the village and welcome any ideas.

We meet once a month, except August & December.

If you can offer any support or ideas, however limited, please come along to our next meeting on Monday 12th September @ 7:30.

Alternatively, you can contact Carly Holland on 07793986578