

All Saints News



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Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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The Vicars Voice

As I write this, we are about to head into the season of Christ's Passion, Holy Week and Easter. But, no doubt, by the time you get to read this, Easter, for many will over. Done and dusted, and the Easter Eggs will have eaten with relish. It might be that, as with mince pies at Christmas, you might be sick of the sights of Hot Cross buns, though they are available all year round nowadays, (I remember as a child in "ye olde days of yore" they were traditionally only eaten on Good Friday).

There is no co-incidence however, that Easter celebrations occur in the early springtime and that the events of Eastertide take place in a garden. In fact, gardens occupy a central place in scripture. It's interesting that the word garden is mentioned 59 times in the Bible and often used as a metaphor to describe our relationship with God.



The Bible begins with an account of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It is a scene of harmony and happiness shattered only when Adam and Eve choose not to listen to God and to go their own way. This situation is reversed in another garden, the Garden of Gethsemane. Here Jesus listens to God, and this time God's will is done, even though it proves to be at great cost to Himself.

Then we come to the final scene of salvation revealed in the Easter Garden, with the joyful reality of the resurrection.

Any gardener will tell you, that beautiful gardens don't just happen. They take a lot of work, weeding, watering, feeding, planting and nurturing all the flowers, shrubs and fruit trees, encouraging growth. Gardens can be places which provide a sense of calm, reflection, and a sense of inner peace. So, in the same way we attend to our gardens, we also need to attend to the spiritual side of our lives, holding on to the promise we find in Scripture, "You shall be like a watered garden." (Isaiah 58:11)

As the garden has many seasons, so does the Church, and the Easter season continues until Pentecost, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, following which we celebrate Trinity Sunday, when we give thanks for God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit...but more of that in my next letter!

The Easter Garden was a place of an intimate encounter between Jesus and Mary Magdalene, making himself known in the simple act of calling her by name.

As we continue to give thanks for the Risen Christ, may our hearts be like that garden, a place of intimate encounter, where we listen as God call us by name.

With love and blessings,

Rev

Mandy Xx



ST FELIX CHURCH TUESDAYS

TOP UP SHOP 11am --12 noon

10am -11.30am Refreshments available

Donations Always Welcome

eg: Personal Hygiene goods Cleaning/Laundry Products Tinned Meats Soups. Non perishable foodstuffs Dog/Cat/Pet food. Thank You

Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in April and early May

Sunday 7th April (Low Sunday)

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| 9.30am Eyke | Holy Communion | Rev. Mandy |
| 11.00am Bromeswell | Family Worship | Greg Gooch |
| 11.00am St Felix' | Holy Communion | Rev. Mandy |

Sunday 14th April (Easter 3)

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| 9.30am St Gregs | Holy Communion | Rev Mandy |
| 11.00am St Felix | Holy Communion | Rev. Mandy |
| 4.00pm Bromeswell | Informal Evensong | Rev Mandy |

Sunday 21st April (Easter 4)

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| 9.30am Eyke | Morning Prayer | Rev, Mandy |
| 9.30am Bromeswell | Holy Communion | Rev Kevan |
| 11.00am St Felix' | Prayer & Praise | Greg Gooch |

Sunday 28th April (Easter 5)

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| 9.30am St Gregs | Morning Prayer | Rev. Mandy |
| 11.00am Bromeswell | Holy Communion | Re. Mandy |
| 11.00 St Felix' | Holy Communion | Rev. Kevan |

Sunday 5th May (Rogation)

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| 9.30am Eyke | Holy Communion | Rev. Mandy |
| 11.00am Bromeswell | Family Worship | Greg Gooch |
| 11.00am St Felix' | Holy Communion | Rev. Mandy |

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies complete with white ribbons bearing the names of loved ones will be on display in the church on Easter Sunday and for a period thereafter. Please feel free to pop in for a quiet moment or two and enjoy the beauty of them.

As in previous years the porch window sills will be decorated and will include an Easter Garden.

DANCE and EXERCISE in Eyke Village Hall

The Outcome of the Fit Villages questionnaire, circulated in Dec/Jan showed most were in favour of Dance/Exercise based Activity.

Active Suffolk

FIT VILLAGES
Activity on your doorstep

Suffolk
County Council

New Low impact Dance Class
Eyke Village Hall, 4 Church Ln, Eyke, Woodbridge IP12 2QT

Starting Monday 8th April 2024
10:00 - 11:00

Free taster Monday 8th April followed by 7 weekly Monday sessions
subsidised by Fit Villages at £4 per week. Then hopefully continued by the instructor for years to come!

Classes are aimed at all levels of ability and any age
Relaxed and fun classes in safe environment, work at your own pace

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL as spaces are limited

For more information and to book, contact the instructor Beth Fisher on:-
Email: bethany.fisher504@btinternet.com

For any other queries contact Tyler Beales on Tyler.Beales@activesuffolk.org, 07748181434

Dance sessions are now being held for toddlers on Tuesdays from 9.30 am, followed by a mid-ability Fun Dance/Exercise session for anyone else at 10.15 am . £7 per session. Please come along and give it a try!

The Fit Villages classes will begin after Easter on 8 April (10.00 -11.00 am) with a free first Session. It will be **Low Impact Dance/Exercise** suitable for anyone who would benefit from movement to help their mobility. It can be seated or standing and Beth will be able to customise the exercises to suit those attending. £4 per session for following 7 weeks subsidised sessions. Give it a try if you think it could benefit your health.

Midsummer Celebration

It has been suggested that midsummer be celebrated in a manner similar to that of the Coronation celebrations last year. The initial thought is for it to be a joint effort between the village hall and church with music in the churchyard and the hall used for refreshments etc. This idea is still embryonic so watch this space to see how it pans out.

MJF

Bingo Night

The Bingo Night held in early March was well supported and raised around £450.00 pounds which has been put towards Village Hall funds. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it a fun evening.

Spring Supper

The supper raised £532.00, before expenses and which be put towards church funds. A big thank you to everyone who supported it, especially those who prepared the meal, provided raffle prizes and generally worked hard to make it a success.

The Eyke Charities'

Eyke Charities' is a registered charity registered with the Charities Commission and was established on 12th March 1881 by a committee made up of church members led by The Rev. James George Darling. Its initial object was to provide education/ training, relief of poverty and the promotion of religious activities.

Today this has come down to providing books for the year six leavers of the village school and a token Christmas gift to widows, widowers and those over 80 who qualify.

The charity is funded by six different bequests set up at its inception and currently the interest from them is invested with CCLA Investment Management Ltd and provides an income sufficient to make the payments referred to previously and provide a little more to grow the fund.

Over the years the trustees have endeavoured to make sure that all those eligible are aware of the charity but do know that a number of villagers are either not aware or, if they are have not asked to go on the register of beneficiaries. Of course there is no reason why a potential beneficiary can't apply and then refuse to accept payment so that the fund can grow. A number on the register do this.

If anyone feels that they should be added to the register please let us know. There is only one stipulation and that is that a claimant should have lived in the village for six months before becoming eligible.

MJF on behalf of the Trustees. email: fishertwogates@gmail.com

Advertising Events

If you have an event you would like to advertise in the Newsletter please let me have it at least a month before it is to happen especially if it is early in the month. You can send details to fishertwogates@gmail.com or phone 01394 460494.

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Dates for the Diary

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| Mondays | Craft Works | Village Hall | 1.30pm – 3.30pm |
| Tuesdays | Dance/Exercise | Village Hall | 9.30am |
| Wednesdays | Yoga | Village Hall | 7.00pm – 8.15pm |
| Fridays | Community Choir | Village Hall | 2.15pm – 3.15pm |
| Saturday 6 th April | Wine Tasting | Village Hall | 7.30pm – 11.00pm |
| Sat 22 nd or Sun 23 rd June | Midsummer Celebration | | tbc |
| Sunday 14 th July | Village Fete | The Old Rectory | tbc |