# All Saints News



## **MARCH 2024**

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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#### The Vicars Voice - March 2024



As many of you will know, last October, my beloved brother Michael, better known by me to everyone as "Our Mick", died peacefully after a short illness. It came as a huge shock to all his family, and if I'm honest, I am still coming to terms with the fact that he isn't with us anymore, and I miss him more than words can say. So very much. And I am not ashamed to admit that tears are still, from time to time, not often far from my eyes when I think of him.

"Our Mick" was my big brother. 11 years older than me, he was the one who named me when I was born. As I grew, he took me everywhere, and even when he had his friends around, they all knew that "our kid" would be included too. I felt very grown up being taken for a trip "round the block" on their mopeds, I was even taken to school once on the back of said moped, when mum was

running late getting me to school. I was certainly the envy of the class that day!

For the last 15 years or so, my sister Carol and I have spent New Year's Eve and Day with him, I was chief cook, Carol the washer-up and Mick the ever vigilant wine-waiter!! We would celebrate the "off with the old and on with the new" at the stroke of midnight, and so you can imagine this New Year just past, what a poignant time it was for Carol and me, and we had to find a new way of celebrating without him, whilst giving thanks for all the good times we had shared with him.

For Christians, Easter is also a time for "off with the old and on with the new". Through the events of Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Day, we have a way of throwing off the old way of living and embracing a new way forward. Unlike New Year resolutions, which usually last only a matter of hours or maybe even a few days, a new beginning in Christ lasts beyond even a life time. It lasts for all eternity.

#### The Easter Triduum

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus gave us a very tangible way of remembering him and the sacrifice he was about to make through the offering of bread and wine as symbols of his very self which we can take into ourselves. St Augustine described these blessed sacraments, as outward and visible signs of an inward and invisible grace.

On the Cross of Calvary, Jesus took all our sins, our past behaviours, our doubts and cares, and took them upon himself. He released us from all those

things which could weigh us down and stop us from embracing him in the very depth of our being, our hearts and souls.

Through the Resurrection of that first Easter Day, we have a freedom, a victory, a peace which, as it says in the Book of Common Prayer, "passeth all understanding".

And, actually, perhaps we don't need to try and understand it, we just need to accept it in faith, embrace it in faith, and live it in faith, as an Easter People. Today, tomorrow and for all eternity.

May your Easter be blessed and eternal,

#### 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

# <u>Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in March & early April</u>

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

9.30am EykeHoly CommunionRev. Mandy11.00am BromeswellFamily WorshipGreg Gooch11.00am St Felix'Holy CommunionRev. Mandy

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)** 

9.30am St GregsHoly CommunionRev Mandy11.00am St FelixHoly CommunionRev. Mandy4.00pm BromeswellInformal EvensongRev Mandy

Sunday 17th March (5th Sunday of Lent)

9.30am EykeMorning PrayerRev, Mandy9.30am BromeswellHoly CommunionRev Kevan11.00am St Felix'Prayer & PraiseGreg Gooch

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)

10.30am St Gregs Palm Procession, blessing of Palms

and Holy Communion Rev Mandy

3.00pm Rendlesham Care Home Palm Sunday and

& Easter Service Rev. Mandy. Gill & Rachel

Thursday 28h March (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm St Felix' Communion with foot washing & vigil

till midnight Rev, Mandy, Rev Kathy & Greg

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

11.00am St Felix' Walk of witness to All Saints, Eyke Rev. Mandy et al

Noon Eyke Stations of the Cross Re. Mandy & Greg Gooch

3.00pm St Felix' Good Friday reflection Rev. Mandy 6.00pm St Gregs Good Friday Taize Janet Bishop

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Eve)

7.00pm St Felix' Blessing of Easter Candles & Renewal

of Baptismal Vows Rev. Mandy & Rev. Kathy

Sunday 31st March (Easter Day)

9.30am EykeHoly CommunionRev. Mandy9.30am BromeswellEaster Communion with Easter Egg HuntRev. Kevan11.00am St Felix'Eater Communion with Easter Egg HuntRev. Mandy3.00 WantisdenEaster PraiseRev. Mandy

Sunday 7th April

9.30am EykeHoly CommunionRev Mandy11.00am BromeswellFamily WorshipGreg Gooch11.00am St Felix'Holy CommunionRev. Mandy

#### **EASTER LILIES**

Each Easter in Eyke Church we place lilies in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. The cost of each bloom is £5.00 which includes a white ribbon with the person's name on it

If you would like such a memorial please contact Mike Fisher on 01394 460494 or email fishertwogate@gmail.com.

Please let me know as soon as possible but by Friday 8th March 2024 at the latest.

#### **FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT**

EYKE VILLAGE HALL Saturday 2 March 2024 6.30pm Ring 07808787898 to RESERVE A TABLE

(or just turn up on the night – chairs available if tables are all booked)

BAR (Cash or Card Payment) \*\*\* DRAW \*\*\* PRIZES ADULT ENTRY BY PURCHASE OF £5 (6 game) BINGO Book on the door (Books can be shared with Children)

#### SPRING SUPPER

A supper is planner for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 6.30pm-7.00pm. It will be held in the Village Hall and will consist of a two course meal. There will be a Veggie option.

The cost will be £10.00 per head and as the hall isn't licenced you will need to bring your own drink and glasses.

Please come along to what should be a most convivial evening.

Tickets will be available from the following.

Mike and Gerry Fisher, 01394 460494, <a href="mailto:fishertwogates@gmail.com">fishertwogates@gmail.com</a>. Gill Nicholls, 01394 461244, g.nicholls@gmx.co.uk. Jean Magennis, 01394 461207, <a href="mailto:meadowhome@aol.com">meadowhome@aol.com</a>. Sandy Sutch, 01394 648. sandysutch@hotmail.com

#### WINE TASTING EVENING

Eyke Village Hall  $6^{th}$  April 2024 7.30pm to 11pm Value Wines of South Africa

An evening hosted by two local wine enthusiasts.

Generous tasting of a broad range of interesting red and white wines

Pairings in some cases with complementary small plates.

£20 per person – all proceed to Village Hall Funds.

Limited Places Available tickets available by email.

Tickets cut off March 18<sup>th</sup> or upon capacity being reached.

Contact Chris Groom or Lee Weavers

Christopher.groom1@gmail.com or leemweavers@gmail.com

#### From the Parish Archives

When I retired as clerk to the Parish Council, several people asked how many chairmen I had worked with. The answer is eight.

It made me wonder, though, how many I could find by going back through the records and I thought the following list might make interesting reading for some, recalling a few names familiar in the village in the past. The records started just post second world war.

Dr. Mahon to 1952 Dr

Pitts to 1955 Rev.

Darling to 1966

Capt. Robin Sheepshanks to 1975 Miss

Roma Lyon to 1976

Mr Bill Jennings to 1983 Miss

Phyllis Hatcher to 1991 Mr

**Harvey Shand to 1995** 

Mrs Joan Churchyard to 1997 Mrs

**Kaye Adams to 1999** 

Mr lain Morrison to 2003 Mr

John Rabson to 2005 Mr John

Fleming currently

Jackie Pooley

#### **Parish Council**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.

## **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 <a href="mailto:fishertwogates@gmail.com">fishertwogates@gmail.com</a> or phone 01394 460494.

MJF

## **Dates for the Diary**

Mondays	Craft Works	Village Hall	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesdays	Yoga	Village Hall	7.00pm – 8.15pm
Fridays	Community Choir	Village Hall	2.15pm – 3.15pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bingo Night	Village Ha	ll 6.30pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Spring Supper	Village Hall 6.30pm – 7.00pm	