

# All Saints News



## OCTOBER 2023

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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**Clergy:**

**Rev. Mandy Reynolds 01394 420129**

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**Mr. Michael Fisher 01394 460494**

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## Vicars Voice – October 2023

At the time of writing this edition of Vicars Voice, I am enjoying the highs and lows of the Rugby World Cup. I cheer England on after a try is won, or a number of drop goals increase the score, and then groan when a penalty is given away or a yellow card shown to a, shall we say, over enthusiastic player!!

But I also enjoy the sportsman like quality of the teams, winners or losers, congratulating, or commiserating with one another post match, whatever the history between the teams.

When I lived in Wembley, on the Saturdays when rugby was playing, the streets of Wembley Park would be alive with fun and camaraderie, and supporters of all teams would mingle with good spirits. The atmosphere was almost electric.

If only nations would come together in such a way!

And yet, when the chips are down, nations rally round to offer aid where it is needed. Recently, we have witnessed the effects of climate change, and the way that natural events have affected people. In just this summer alone, we have seen earthquakes, fires and floods around the globe. And we have seen other countries rally and delivering medical aid and resources of all kinds to help out their fellow human beings. And there seems to be a never ending plea from charities to help, often financially, and perhaps we can often feel that we can't do as much as we would like. We can't give to everything, no matter how deserving or vital. I'm sure there are times when you think to yourself "How can I contribute to changing the world around me?"

Well, actually, we can each make a difference in some small way, so that by working together, we can make a difference.

In our churches, there is a national initiative to become more eco friendly, looking at ways we use our resources, and to initiate some changes that will allow us to make a commitment to changing our environment and the effect of climate change.

We are all aware what a key issue this is for every one of us, especially as we think of our children and grandchildren and the legacy of what kind of world they will be living in. small ways in which we can help effect change, is by looking at the products we use on a daily basis, how we recycle our waste, and having just celebrated the season of harvest, how we care for God's green acre. For the gardeners among us, that can mean composting more, sowing plants and flowers for the spring which will encourage the bees and butterflies. Even if you only have a balcony or back yard, you can plant a couple of small pots which will make a huge difference, as all plants can produce clean oxygen. Making hedgehog and insect hotels in a corner of the garden will also help the environment.

Throughout our villages at the moment, there seems to be so much building work going on, and land being taken up with new housing, so we must care for every bit of green space we can.

Let us all try and do our bit, no matter how small or insignificant we may feel our effort is, because...and I'm going to steal one of the major supermarkets tag line here!) be assured....."every little helps!!" **With love and blessings, Rev Mandy XX**

**Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in October & early November**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October (Trinity 17)**

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion (Harvest Festival)	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Morning Praise	Greg Gooch
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion with Baptism	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October (Trinity 18)**

9.30am Bromeswell	Morning Prayer	Stephen Nicholls
9.30am St Gregs	Holy Communion	Rev Graham House
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion <i>with</i> <i>Thanksgiving for birth of a child</i>	Rev Kevan McCormack

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October (Trinity 19)**

9.30am Eyke	Morning Prayer	Greg Gooch
9.30am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev. Kevan McCormack
11.00am St Felix'	Morning Praise	Greg Gooch

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Trinity 20)**

9.30am St Greg's	Morning Prayer	Stephen Nicholls
11.00am Bromeswell	Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

11.00am St Felix	Café Church	Rev Mandy Reynolds & Team
Refreshments from 10.30am	<b>Light of Christ</b>	

**Sunday 5th November (Bible Sunday)**

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds
9.30.00am Bromeswell	Morning Praise	Greg Gooch
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds

## **Bill Dickey**

We thank you all so much for your kind donations in memory of our Dear Bill.

The amount given was £935.20 which has been shared equally between the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Dementia UK.

We are so grateful for your thoughts and kindness.

**Jean & family**

## **Harvest Supper**

A supper is planned for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 7.00pm – 7.30pm. 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.

Because the hall refurbishment is still underway ticket numbers are limited to 50. So please decide quickly if you would like to attend

Tickets will be available from the following.

**Mike and Gerry Fisher, 01394 460494, [fishertwogates@gmail.com](mailto:fishertwogates@gmail.com). Gill Nicholls, 01394 461244, [g.nicholls@gmx.co.uk](mailto:g.nicholls@gmx.co.uk). Jean Magennis, 01394 461207, [meadowholm@aol.com](mailto:meadowholm@aol.com). Sandy Sutch, 01394 460648, [sandysutch@hotmail.com](mailto:sandysutch@hotmail.com),**

## **Eyke Parish Council.**

At the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Lee Weavers was co-opted to fill the final vacancy which existed on the parish council, which is now up to strength with seven councillors.

The main issue of the meeting was the renewal of the parish council insurance, which also covers the village hall. The premium from Community Action Suffolk, which has arranged insurance for several years, has more than doubled, so it was agreed to research further to try and find a more reasonable quotation.

The total so far raised towards the memorial benches for Mervyn Whitmore is £1302.65, which will cover the costs, and allow a donation to be made to charity. The benches are ready, and we are just now waiting for the concrete bases to be laid.

The Parish Council expressed its thanks to our District Councillor, James Mallinder, for making £1000 of funding available from the Enabling Communities Budget for the renovation work on the bus shelter. The council will now work to finish off the interior, and add additional noticeboard space.

The Council will look into the purchase of a ride-on mower, in order to solve the problem of cutting the rec. The cost of paying an outside contractor to do this could be up to £700, a cost which would be recouped with a few cuts.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the hall.

Footnote: A response was sent to East Suffolk Council regarding the housing development following the meeting in August. So far, the application is still awaiting a decision, and the likelihood is that it will go to committee at some point, a meeting which parish council representatives can attend.

**Jackie Pooley (Clerk to the Council)**

## **Vacancy for Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

Eyke Parish Council is looking for an enthusiastic person to take on the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The position is part time, 4 hours per week working from home. The hours of work are flexible, except for attendance at meetings, of which there are 6 per annum, on the second Monday of every other month at 7.00pm. There are occasional extra ad hoc meetings, to discuss time-sensitive issues, such as planning applications.

Salary will be based on the National Association of Local Council's pay scale, and is dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Duties include acting as an advisor to the council, agenda preparation, minute taking, dealing with correspondence, liaising with District and County Councils, filing and accounts. Administration of the parish council website would be an asset, although not for the moment essential.

Prior experience would be an advantage but again not essential, and clerk training is available through Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The outgoing clerk will be happy to offer support.

If you are interested in applying, please contact [eyke.pc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eyke.pc@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Jackie 07486629701 for an informal discussion.

*Footnote: It is an ideal job for someone who wants to be involved in the village community, and a local applicant would be really welcome!*

### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* CRAFTERNOON - EYKE VILLAGE HALL**

Every Monday 1:30-3:30 pm

Bring any preferred craft to work on, or just come along for a sociable chat and learn from others if you wish.

Two Trial sessions - £5

£10 per month thereafter (Tea/Coffee included)

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Just Come along and join in – All welcome

Any profit goes towards Village Hall modernisation project.