

All Saints News



AUGUST 2023

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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Vicars Voice – August 2023

August is the holiday month, with schools, colleges and many voluntary groups closed. For some, this holiday season brings a very welcome break from work and routine, a time to get away from it all and relax. For some it's a get-away somewhere different, somewhere to explore and experience a different culture, for some it's day trips and picnics, for some it's a "staycation", staying at home and simply enjoying not having to get up and face morning traffic.



How do you like to relax? A day on the beach by the sea? A long walk exploring the forest or countryside? In front of the TV watching a favourite film and bar of chocolate nearby? With friends out for a meal or a Bar-B-Que in the garden. Or do you enjoy settling down with a good book?



However you like to take time out, do you manage to do it often enough? For many, life is often a hustle and bustle of fitting in work, shopping, housework – especially housework! Have you noticed that even with so many time saving devices today, such as microwaves, washing machines, tumble dryers and the like, time still seems to be a precious commodity. We are still always trying to find time to do all the things we have to, never mind the things we would like to. If you are anything like me, there is always something to be doing, and if I'm not doing it, and have picked that book up, there is often a little voice in the back of my head making me feel guilty.

Jesus often tells us through scripture that taking time out from routine is a good thing, and something we need to do in order to be able to carry on. He would often take time out from preaching and teaching, and away from the disciples, to take time to refresh, refocus and of course, to pray to The Father. He even gave us a prayer to say to help us take time out, a prayer that, as St Teresa of Liseux told us, is the prayer of prayers, and if we say this slowly and from the heart, we don't need any other words.

Whatever the way you find to take some time out, summer holidays is the perfect time to pick up that book you've been looking forward too, fire up the bar-b, find your film or even take a moment to say a prayer, but definitely shake off the quilt and relax.

Whether you find yourselves home or away over the next few weeks, have a happy, safe and relaxing summer.

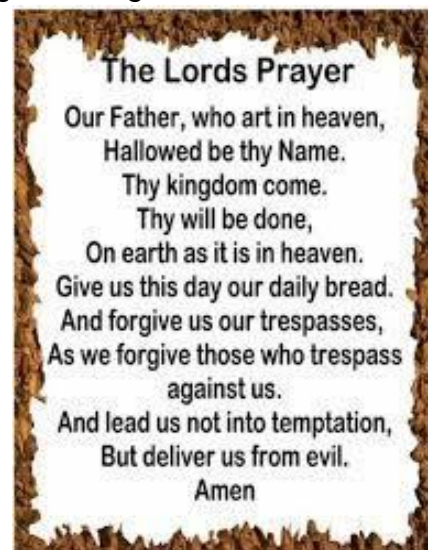
With love and blessings, *Rev Mandy Xx*

Chris Ward

Katy and the boys, Chris's parents and family and Stephen and I would like to thank everyone who sent messages of sympathy and offers of help at this very sad time for the family. Your good wishes have been very much appreciated.

Chris's funeral will be held at Seven Hills Crematorium on Friday 4th August at 3pm

Gill Nicholls



Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in August & early September

Wednesday 2nd August

10.00am St Felix' Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 6th August (The Transfiguration – Trinity 9)

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

Sunday 13th August (Trinity 10)

9.30am Bromeswell Morning Prayer Stephen Nicholls
9.30am St Gregs Holy Communion Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix' Holy Communion Rev Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 20th August (Trinity 11)

9.30am Eyke Morning Prayer Greg Gooch (tbc)
9.30am Bromeswell Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix' Morning Praise Greg Gooch

Sunday 27th August (Trinity 12)

9.30am St Greg's Morning Prayer Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell Holy Communion Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix' Holy Communion Rev Kevan McCormack

Sunday 3rd September (Trinity 13)

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

CAN WE HELP?

For some, the school holidays may be a time which brings its own concerns, due to extra child-care issues, struggling with finances and finding enough to do which will keep the children occupied without resorting to the X-box, I-pad or streaming Netflix. At St Felix, we would like to help if we can, and for those who need that extra little top-up, maybe the following will help you



Rendlesham Community Top Up Shop Summer Holiday Food Bags

Starting July 21st until Sept 1st,
Every Friday from 4.30pm – 6.30pm
at St Felix Church



A ready made bag of food essentials will be available for £2.

Each bag will contain the same items to help support your family throughout the summer holidays. Products will however differ from week to week.

If you need help to access this due to work or family commitments

please email: Christinahelen@hotmail.com

Eyke Parish Council

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome a new councillor, Neil Smith, who has been co-opted to fill the vacancy following the May elections. At the same time, they were sorry to receive the resignation of Jan Stangoe, a councillor for some years, and thanked her for the valued support she had given over that time. The process of filling this vacancy will commence once East Suffolk Council receives notice of the resignation, and the notice of vacancy is posted in the public domain. This will be on the website, and posted locally in the village in the bus shelter. If an election is not requested within the time frame given, the parish council is free to co-opt a volunteer.

The annual inspection of the playground has taken place, and all was generally found to be satisfactory, except for undue wear on the frame of the basket swing, which has possibly been caused through misuse by older children above the recommended age limit. Repair to this is being put in hand immediately. New “No Dogs” signs will be affixed, as the original ones have disappeared, and people taking dogs into the play area continues to be a problem.

Contributions to the fund for benches in memory of Mervyn Whitmore continue to arrive, and it is possible that there will be money left over, which will be donated to the charities he supported.

Once the wording for the inscription is agreed, the benches will be ordered from *Realise Futures* which is a social enterprise supporting disadvantaged people across the community. The benches are eco-friendly, made from recycled plastic, durable and long lasting. The total cost for two, including inscriptions is £1227.18 plus vat.

Work will be carried out to refurbish the bus shelter at the end of July and will take a couple of days.

Although we have a parish noticeboard in the churchyard, the space available in the bus shelter for notices is a valuable asset.

There is no news yet on the amended Denbury Homes application: please keep looking at the parish website and the Eyke Facebook page for updates. www.eyke.onesuffolk.net A village meeting will be organised at the earliest opportunity to discuss the amendments.

The clerk announced her intention to retire at the end of September, and hopes that a replacement can be in place by then. Please see the job description below.

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 and administration of the parish council website.

Prior experience is an advantage, but clerk training is available through Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

If you are interested in applying, please contact eyke.pc@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07486629701 for more details.

Closing date is 31st August 2023.

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!

. Jackie Pooley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Bill Dickey

I take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to you all for the most lovely flowers, cards and most wonderful messages sent to myself and my family on the very tragic and sad passing of our darling Bill. And we thank you all who were able to make it to our final farewell to him and to make that service so special. That was due to you all being there .

He was certainly a very devoted family man and a man of very few words but he will be loved and missed forever. Once again, we send our most grateful thanks to you all.

Love,

Jean and family.

Table Sale – Saturday 16th September 2023 10.00am – 1.00pm

Having an early Autumn clear out? Are Aunt Maud's unwanted gifts languishing at the back of a cupboard? Do you have toys that the children have grown out of or no longer play with or clothes you no longer wear? If so why not come along to Eyke Village Hall on the 16th September and sell them.

Tables £10.00 Entrance fee for buyers 0.50p

Please contact Lynn on 07816 870201 or Peter on 0781 144179

All proceeds to Eyke Village Hall

Eyke Fete

The results of the Fete are below. A number of people have commented that there were fewer attendees this year but considering the state of the economy, the windy conditions on the day and Wimbledon I think the figures stand up very well compared to previous years.

So, a big thankyou to everybody who attended or who contributed in some other way especially those who helped with the setting up, taking down and on the day itself. The latter included a lot of new faces and, hopefully, they enjoyed being involved to the extent that they will help with the Fete next year and also attend some of the other events organised by the Village Hall Committee and Church.

Eyke Fete 16th July 2023

Gate	96.00	Kids Tombola	81.90
Draw	576.50	Ducks & Sweets Tombola	33.40
Teas	229.00	Tattoos & Colouring	9.70
Cakes	209.50	Target Bowls	26.00
Prosecco	210.50	Goal	13.50
Plants	50.80	Splat the Rat	8.50
BBQ	230.00	Coconut Shy	73.00
Pre-Loved	205.00	Axe Throwing	17.00
Bottle Tombola	261.00	Donations	40.00
Teddy Tombola	46.70		
		Total	£2,418.00
Village Hall	£1,209.00		
Church	£1,209.00		

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