

All Saints News



FEBRUARY 2023

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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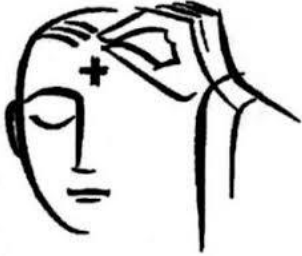
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The Vicars Voice – February 2023

It only feels like 5 minutes ago that we were putting the Christmas decorations and nativity figures back in the loft or under the stairs and now we find ourselves welcoming the season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on the 22nd of this month.



In church on Ash Wednesday will be holding our Service of Ashing, (when the priest makes the sign of the cross on peoples foreheads with ash, made from burning the previous years palm crosses) marking the start of the penitential 40 days of Lent as we remember Christ's 40 days in the desert

In the 4th and 5th centuries, The Desert Fathers, men who went into the desert for silence, solitude and communion with God, found hardship, hunger and temptation just as Jesus did, but out of their experiences grew the monastic tradition which has shaped Eastern and Western Christianity.

The services of morning and evening prayer that priests and ministers still say, the use of the psalms and the way the priest lifts up both hands for the Eucharistic prayer may all be traced back at least as far as the practices of the desert fathers and mothers.

Thankfully, we will not be spending Lent in the desert, but we can find silence and solitude in our lives and the simplest way to do that is through saying our prayers. And there are no right or wrong ways to say prayers, it only matters most that we say them!

However, even the best intentions can fail when faced with practical difficulties, mainly the hustle and bustle of daily lives which overtakes the best laid plans we might make. With a busy and hectic family and or working life, it can be difficult to find somewhere where can you be alone, undisturbed and unobtrusive? And how long do we pray for, 5 minutes, 20 minutes, or longer?

Rabbi Lionel Blue reckoned that it took him about 20 minutes to relax into prayer and then sometimes just one line of a psalm or prayer spoke to him. For many people it's much less than that. We each find our own rhythm, and prayers can actually be said anywhere and in any place, whilst walking the dog, weeding or pruning in the garden, preparing the dinner or even washing the dishes or loading the dishwasher!

In the end it doesn't matter where or when you pray – just do it.

And we have already been given a prayer which we can say when our own words seem to fail us, because Jesus already gave them to us. The Carmelite nun, St Teresa of Liseux, known as the "Little flower of God" once wrote that if we say the Lord's Prayer once a day, from the heart, we don't need other words, they are all we need.

So this Lent, it doesn't matter where or when you say it, why not just say it!

With love and blessings, Rev Mandy Xx



The Lords' Prayer

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven, Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and leas us not in temptation but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for Ever and Ever. Amen.**

Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in February and early March 2023

Wednesday 1st February

10.00am St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 5th February (3rd Sunday before Lent)

9.30am Eyke Holy Communion Re v. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell Family Worship Greg & Charlotte
11.00am St Felix Holy Communion with prayer ministry Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 12th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

9.30am St Greg's Holy Communion Re v. Mandy Reynolds
9.30am Bromeswell Morning Praise Stephen Nicholls
11.00am St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 19th February (Sunday before Lent)

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

Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday)

10.00am St Felix Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes Rev. Mandy Reynolds
7.00pm Bromeswell Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 26th February (Lent 1)

9.30am St Greg's Morning Prayer Stephen Nicholls
9.30am Bromeswell Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11,00am St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Judith Andrews

Sunday 2nd March (Lent 2)

9.30am Eyke Holy Communion Re v. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell Family Worship Greg & Charlotte
11.00am St Felix Holy Communion with prayer ministry Rev. Mandy Reynolds

St Felix Top-Up Shop Tuesdays 11.00am – Noon

Donations always welcome. e.g. Personal hygiene goods, cleaning/laundry products, tinned meats, soups, non-perishable foodstuffs, dog/cat pet food.

There will be a box at the back of Eyke church and anything left in it will be delivered to St Felix

All Saints over Christmas

I know we didn't have an "official" Christmas Tree Festival this year so A Very BIG Thank You to every one who did decorate a tree for display in the Church, and also to Mary Cranmer for the wonderful window ledge and high altar decorations. The Church looked a treat! Thank you, too, to everyone who came to the Friday "Tree" Service,, A lovely start to the Christmas Season.

Further thanks also to all those who attended the crib service on Christmas Eve and who contributed to the collection taken A total of £120.00 was raised and this was given to the Top-Up Shop at St Felix G.S.N.

Parish Council

Denbury Homes Planning Application.

There will be a planning meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the application to build 65 homes next to the school on Monday, 13th February 2023 at 7.00pm, to which parishioners are cordially invited. The plans are available online at www.eastsuffolk.co.uk/planning and we have two paper sets available to view in the village, by contacting either Mervyn Whitmore 01394 460491 or Sue Clark 07919 158962. (These are not complete, as some elements are only available online.) Additionally, on the evening of the planning meeting, the hall will be open from 6.00pm to allow inspection of the plans.

Parish Council Meeting.

One of the matters discussed at the recent meeting was the upgrading of the lanterns on the street lights in Church Lane. By upgrading to 20w LED lanterns from the existing 80w MBFU ones, there could be a saving in the region of £70 to £80 per annum per lantern. The cost of this will be just over £2000 plus vat. It was agreed to do this, as the cost would be recouped over the next few years.

The precept was also set for the next financial year. The parish council had been warned to expect a much higher bill for the maintenance and supply of electricity to the Church Lane lights. Last year's bill was £537.00, and the warning was to expect that to at least double. The precept was set at£11,600, to allow for this and general increases in costs.

The local council elections take place on 4th May, and new election rules mean that photo ID will be required when you cast your vote. Visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk for information on what forms of photo ID are accepted, and how to register if you have none of these. The next full meeting will be on Monday, 13th March 2023 at 7.00pm in the hall.

Millennium Group

Spring Afternoon Tea: Saturday, 18th March 2023

There will be an Afternoon Tea in the village hall on Saturday, 18th March, starting at 2.30pm when, as well as greeting the arrival of Spring, we can celebrate the mothers amongst us with a glass of fizz ahead of Mothering Sunday on the 19th.

Tickets will be £8 per person, children under 5 free. Please complete the booking slip below, and return with your payment to Jean Magennis, Jackie Pooley or Karen Watson. As we will be donating all profits to the Village Hall Restoration Fund, we would also be grateful to receive donations of cakes, sandwiches or draw prizes. Please would you indicate on the booking slip if you if you are able to help in this way.

Please use the booking form to be found later in the Newsletter.

Village Hall

NEW YEAR PARTY –

What a lovely evening was had and nice to see so many new faces and children attending. Jacqui Holden did another great job in running the raffle and securing so many amazing prizes . Marie & Sam – a big thank you for running the pay bar . Such professionals and no waiting in line! This was a great revenue generator and we managed to offer wine & beer at very good prices. Thanks to Leslie for securing our Disco again and of course ,a big thank you to all of those who made this happen. We do have so much fun doing so . **Total Raised : £1378**

FUNDING

Phase 2 preparation work for the lottery funding is underway . We are on schedule to get this in by the end of Feb, that's assuming we get all the quotes in on time . We have also been successful in meeting the criteria for the **Levelling up fund** . Again, this application is for £105k , and the plan is to run both applications side by side with the hope of being successful in one ! Please keep everything crossed.

WORKS

Phase 2 is nearing completion as reported in the last update. The new 3 toilets have now been plastered – Electrician has run through the new cables. Eon will be visiting the hall in the next few weeks to move and install a new mains panel – new cabinets for the toilets have been ordered and tiling is underway . Decorating has also begun to be finished in the main hall .Thanks again to Neil & Lee who are working tirelessly to get this finished.

EVENTS

Dave Macfarlane is preparing a suggested list of events for this year starting March and onwards which we will publish this next month . We will be running a number of joint fundraising events with the Church this year to help with both premises running costs . If you have something you would like to see and run please contact Mac via email : dave.macfarlane@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL MANAGER

We are delighted to announce that Lynn & Peter Rogers from Church Lane have agreed to manage the hall for us. We would like to extend our thanks to them for stepping forward . They will be in charge of the bookings going forward from March 2023 and can be contacted on 07816 870201 . Email rogers_11@sky.com

Sue Clark

Spring Afternoon Tea Booking Form: Saturday, 18th March 2023

Name.....Number of tickets.....Amount enclosed..... I am

able to donate one of the following:

Cake/type.....

Loaf of sandwiches/type..... Draw

Prize.....

Please reply to Jean, (461207); Jackie, (461275); or Karen, (460003) by 3rd March 2023