

All Saints News



MAY 2023

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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The Vicars Voice – May 2023

According to Christian tradition, the Day of Pentecost commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples in Jerusalem after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christians mark this date as the beginning of the Christian Church as we know it.

The Day of Pentecost, celebrated on the 28th May this year, is celebrated 50 days after Easter and often churches are adorned in red, with red altar linen, priests robes, flowers, banners and even balloons!! The red signifies the winds of fire representing the Holy Spirit as it descended on the disciples in a locked room, as the breath of God. It is considered to be one of the great festivals to be celebrated after Christmas and Easter.

Pentecost is seen as the coming of the Holy Spirit, descending from heaven, promised by Jesus when he said he would never leave us or abandon us and is also considered to be the birth of the church. The Anglican priest, poet and singer-songwriter Malcom Guite wrote the following about the birth of the church and Pentecost:

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

The Sunday after Pentecost is when we celebrate Trinity Sunday, and we think of God as the great 3 in 1, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



Christians believe the Trinity is three distinct persons sharing one nature.

Three divine persons in which each persona of God reveals attributes unique to each, so that everything comes from the Father who created us, through the Son who redeems us and the Holy Spirit who upholds and sustains us.

And of course, this year we have the historic occasion at the beginning of the month of the Coronation of a new King, something some of us will possibly only ever experience once in our lifetime. And the Coronation service is grounded in faith, with many symbolic gestures, such as the anointing with Holy Oils of the King and Queen Consort.

May our prayers be with Charles on this historic day.
God Save the King!

With love and blessings to you all, *Rev Mandy*



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

Sunday 30th April Easter 4)

10.30am St Felix Café Church Charlotte Gooch & David Jordon

Wednesday 3rd May

10.00am St Felix' Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 7th May (Easter 5)

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 14th May (Rogation)

9.30am St Greg's Holy Communion Rev. Kevan McCormack (tbc)
9.30am Bromeswell Morning Prayer Stephen Nicholls
11.00am St Felix' Holy Communion Rev Judith Andrews (tbc)

Sunday 21st May (Easter 7)

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

Sunday 28th May (Pentecost)

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

Sunday 4th June (Trinity Sunday)

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

St Felix Church, Tuesdays Top Up Shop

**Donations always welcome. e.g. Personal hygiene goods, cleaning/laundry products, tinned meats, soups, non-perishable foodstuffs, dog/cat pet food
There is a box at the back of Eyke Church and anything left in it will be taken to St Felix'.**

Mervyn's Tailpiece

On Sunday 16 April 2023 at just after 7pm the Union Jack at 6 Church Lane was lowered for the last time. Mervyn Whitmore passed away in a hospital room in Debenham Ward at Ipswich hospital with his son and daughter in law by his side. In the days proceeding his death Mervyn was visited by his great grand children, grand children, children, close family members, and friends. Mervyn's burial will I'm sure be attended by the many people who lived, laughed, cried and worked with him and I look forward to sharing those memories with you. However, at this present moment can I offer a heartfelt thank you for the cards, kind words and support so many of you in this community have offered since Dad's disappearance from my life. Best wishes

Adrian

As Adrian says we will make time in the future to celebrate Mervyn's very full life. Suffice to say that he was very much part of the "Brickwork" of the village having spent many years as a Parish Councillor and member of the Parochial Church Council as well as the unsung acts he performed around the village and elsewhere.

Many of you will know that over the years he contributed a monthly piece for this Newsletter, writing about Nature, Current Affairs and many other topics.

He will be greatly missed!

MJF

Eyke Parish Council

May 4th: Local Council Elections. Please remember to take a form of photo ID with you to the Village Hall polling station. You won't be able to vote without it! You will be voting for a District Councillor. As there were only 6 nominations for the Parish Council, these nominees stand elected, without an election.

May 15th: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. 7.00pm. The Parish Council will seek to co-opt a seventh councillor to fill the remaining vacancy. Anyone interested in undertaking this role, please contact the clerk on 07486629701 or e mail eyke.pc@hotmail.co.uk for a brief informal chat.

May 22nd: Annual Parish Meeting. 7.00pm. Your chance to hear reports from organisations within the village.

Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings, and the agendas will be published in due course.

Jackie Pooley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Village Hall

About 40 people attended the Afternoon Tea on 18th March and £562 was raised for village hall funds. The Millennium Group would like to thank all those people who so generously donated cakes, sandwiches and draw prizes and made the afternoon a successful occasion enjoyed by all.

Eyke Church

Eyke Churchyard

We are experimenting with allowing the grasses and wildflowers to grow in two areas of the Churchyard for part of the year, in Spring and Summer. The areas are the strips of land between the gate on Church Lane to the main gate, and then up to the gate on The Street. These two areas contain old graves and are suitable for "meadowing". The area from the main path including all the new graves and the north side will be mown as usual. We will, however, have a "No mow May" in the whole Churchyard. Please let us know if this causes any problems for you.

I hope to talk more about what we are trying to do at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, as we would like to involve members of the Community in developing and maintaining the proposed meadowlands. Especially anyone who has any previous or current experience.

Spring Supper

Close on 50 villagers and their guests sat down to a splendid meal on Saturday evening, the 15th April, Thanks go to all who supported and to the ladies of the PCC, especially, Sandy Sutch, who provided the food. Including the raffle and after expenses a total of £600 was raised for church funds.

Eyke Sunshine Club

The jumble sale held on Saturday 1st April raised a total of £441 in aid of club funds and the members would like to thank everyone who supported it.

Coronation Weekend

You should have received a flyer about the event happening on the Sunday of the Coronation weekend, Noon – 4.00pm on the 7th May.

It will be held in the Village Hall and the churchyard (subject to the weather) and while no limit is being put on attendance it is vital that you make a booking for food as catering is going to be difficult for a large number. Because the hall has no drinks licence you will need to bring your own booze and soft drink. Tea and coffee will be available.

It may be prudent to bring your own chairs as there is currently a shortage of hall chairs.

For further information contact the following.

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Village Fete

The Fete this year will be on Sunday 16th July 2023 and will be in the garden of the Old Rectory courtesy of Olly & Nicola Brigginsshaw.

A pre[fete meeting will be set up for some time in May so all those who are happy to help with this event in any way please keep eyes and ears open.

Yoga

Starting Wednesday 17th May

Ashtanga Yoga, 7pm - 8.15pm

Some yoga experience is preferable

Book online - <https://lanruiyoga.co.uk/group-classes>

Contact Lorraine for more details - 07513 342 383 / lorraine@lanruiyoga.co.uk

*Please also let me know if you are interested in starting a beginners yoga class and what day / time suits. If I get enough interest, I can start a regular class.