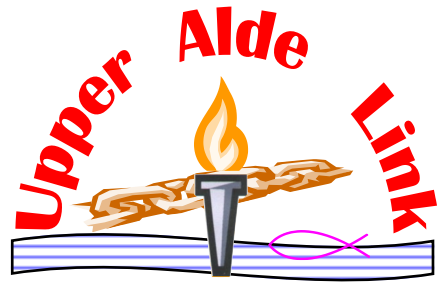


**October
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2025**



Church News and Views for the Parishes
of
Badingham Bruisyard Cransford Dennington Rendham & Sweffling

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Sunday 12th October Trinity 17 Green	9.30am BCP Communion – St Peter's Cransford 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Michael's Rendham 11am Holy Communion – St Mary's Dennington 6.30pm Taize Service - Sweffling
Sunday 19th October Trinity 18 Green	9.30am BCP Communion & Harvest– St Peter's Bruisyard 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Mary's Sweffling 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham
Sunday 26th October Trinity 19 Green	9.30am Holy Communion – St Michael's Rendham 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Peter's Cransford 11am Sunday Morning Worship – St Mary's Dennington

NOVEMBER 2025 SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Day 4 before Advent White	8am BCP Communion - St Mary's Dennington 9.30am BCP Communion – St Mary's Sweffling 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Peter's Bruisyard 11am Holy Communion – St John's Badingham
Sunday 9th November 3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday Red	9.15am BCP Communion/Remembrance – St Peter's Cransford 10.45 am Remembrance Service – St Mary's Dennington 10.55am Remembrance Service – St Michael's Rendham 12 noon Act of Remembrance at Badingham War Memorial
Sunday 16th November 2 before Advent Red	9.30 am BCP Communion - St Peter's Bruisyard 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Mary's Sweffling 11am Holy Communion – St Michael's Rendham
Sunday 23rd November 1 before Advent Christ the King Red	9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael's Rendham 9.30am Morning Prayer - Cransford 11am Holy Communion– St Mary's Dennington
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday Purple	10am Benefice Service at St John's Badingham

October - November 2025

From the Rector

I am writing this 'letter' on the first anniversary of my licensing as Priest in Charge of the Upper Alde Benefice. Little did I realise on that night a year ago I would be licensed and installed as Rector of the benefice, nine months later. It has been a year of joys and challenges and I can't quite make up my mind on whether it has been a quick year or not. Time is rather like that, it speeds up, flies past and yet when you are rooted in the present the time seems slower. It is difficult to think of the time when I didn't belong in this benefice. In some ways I am pleased to have made it through the year and to have experienced the rhythm of life, seasonally and liturgically in each parish. On the other hand I no longer have the excuse of being new in the parish when I make a mistake! Time is both slow and fast.

Our journey through life is the same, I look back on my life through the lens of being a wife, mother and priest which makes anything that happened before that difficult to imagine. Life experience adds layers to our understanding of who we are, so when I remember being a child I am doing so with my life experience since that time. Yet sometimes we are shocked when we realise that something which seems recent in our life is 10 or 20 years ago. How time flies then!

The beginning of the academic year is a new beginning in lots of different ways for many of us, we don't have to be in education ourselves for it to have an impact on our life. The pattern of our common life is set by academic terms, a new rhythm in our life might be set by children or grandchildren in school, or our work in school or a myriad of other reasons. The seasons of the year are reflected in the different merchandise stocked on supermarket shelves which seem to speed the year up – and yes Christmas foods available to buy before the end of August.

The turning of summer into autumn adds to the speed of life, can those new green leaf shoots really be turning orange so soon? I think we have to be intentional about noticing the vibrancy of autumn and slowing down to appreciate the season we are in. I am sure this newsletter will be filled with all that is going on in each of our parishes and there will be lots of dates to put in your diaries. But I encourage you not to be so rushed along with it all that you miss those little joys of life which are all around us.

Revd Claire

Dennington

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Sponsored Cycle Ride - whether it was cycling round the churches or manning the church, it is so much appreciated. Thank you also to Jim who keeps the churchyard looking so well kept – Please could everyone be extra vigilant about picking up dog mess – it is extremely unpleasant when it meets a strimmer.

The team of church cleaners also do a wonderful job and it is so often noted in the visitors book that the church looks so well cared for.

Autumn Messy Morning Wednesday 29th October 10am – 12 at St Mary's Church, Dennington

All ages welcome. Under 5s to be accompanied by an adult

Crafts – Food – Art – Sensory Play – Bug hunting

To book please contact Revd Claire Kiddy 07469 718695

Remembrance Sunday The Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 9th November at 10.55

Date for the Dairy

Carol Service – This will be on 14th December at 5.00 pm

Badingham

Church Bookshop.

Special Book Sale

Sat. November 8th

10-12

Coffee available. Undercover in the Churchyard. CASH ONLY

Lots of interesting, high quality books for sale that have been donated over the past months. Including many as new children's books which would be suitable for Christmas.

Don't miss it- we really need your support

The Bookshop continues to do well with daily sales, and lots of kind

donations of unwanted books. We need to keep the momentum going over the winter in order to fund the maintenance of the Church not to mention the Roof Repairs.

Please remember to pop your payment in the box, and thank you to everyone for your continued support

COFFEE AND BACON ROLLS

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER
And
SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

In Badingham Village Hall
10 – 12 noon.

Summer is over and Autumn and cooler days are here so do join us for coffee and a get together with friends and neighbours.

We do have vegetarian and gluten free options.

It will be good

Winter Market, Badingham Village Hall, Friday 28th November

We will have a table for Christmas gifts at the market. If you have anything suitable for a gift that you can donate, please let me know – Ann 638288. (I only have room for gifts, so please not bric-a-brac).

Also at The Winter Market we will have a Christmas Raffle in aid of **Badingham Church Roof Repairs**. Prizes for the raffle will be appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Shining the Light Workshop All Hallows Eve Friday 31st October 2pm – 3.30pm at St John's Badingham

In this workshop we will be discovering, through crafts and stories, ways of shining light in the dark. We will be making lanterns for you to take home or you may like to take the light with you if you are going trick or treating.

Crafts – Stories – Hot Chocolate – Sparkle cakes – Marshmallows
Suitable for ages 5-11 years. Under 5s may prefer to come and go
anytime between 2 – 3.30pm.

Services at St John's Church Badingham during October/November

Sunday 5th October 11am Holy Communion with the re-commissioning of Ann Foster as Elder.

Sunday 19th October 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd November 11am Holy Communion

Remembrance 9th November 12 noon at the War Memorial

Sunday 16th November 11am Holy Communion

Advent Sunday 30th November 10am Benefice Communion

Service of Remembrance

– Sunday 9th November, 12 noon at the War Memorial.

If you would like to place a personal tribute at the same time as the poppy wreath is laid on behalf of the village, or if anyone would like to represent any of the village organisations, small wooden poppies are available in the church.

Please join us for coffee / tea before the service from 11.15am onwards or after the service. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a display of war time photos and memories in the church from Saturday 8th November until Saturday 15th November.

– For many of us it is too far ahead to think about Christmas but please put these dates in your diary – Badingham Church Carol Service, Sunday, December 14th, 7pm Carol Service and Wednesday, December 24th, 4pm, Crib Service.

Church Roof Repairs

We are still waiting for several subcontractors to supply costings and

also advice on inflation since 2022 when the original costings were done for an up to date estimate. In the original costings we had expected to reclaim the VAT. VAT reclaim is currently capped at £25,000.00 and may disappear altogether next year which will increase the cost. A small group are currently working on sending out applications to various bodies for grants. We have a progress meeting with Heritage in October which will determine whether we can set a date for the Mid-stage review in November and if that is successful, we will be able to apply for the money for the delivery stage which has to be done by the end of February.

We continue to be grateful for all the help and local support for our lovely village church and to The National Heritage Lottery Fund and lottery players.

Cransford News

“ Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

Close bosom- friend of the maturing sun”

Another summer draws to a close, with shorter days and donning leaking welly boots. Let us hope for some good autumn colour for once. The lawn has been cut for the last time, and soon when the trees are bare we will be able to see squirrels chasing each other once more.

The annual churchyard cutting took place on the 16th of August once the orchids were over. There was good turn out with helpers from both our churches.

Harvest Festival took place on the 14th September and was well attended. The fields are already ploughed and some already drilled with green spikes showing.

We look forward to Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November with just one old soldier left in the village . Those who think armed forces are not necessary are deluded. Their very presence ensures our enemies will keep their distance.

Talk in aid of the tower restoration at St Peter's, Cransford

The Women's Land Army in Suffolk

Learn what your Great Grandmothers did in WWII

Featuring Bruisyard, Hacheston, Campsea Ashe & Peasenhall

Talk by Nicky Reynolds, Suffolk WLA Memorial Trust

Cransford Village Hall, 7pm, Thursday 16th October

Joyce Wadnow of Bruisyard

- Photographs, uniform and memorabilia will be on show
- Do you have any local photos of the Land Army? Please bring them along
- Guess the name of the land girl – competition to win a beautiful crocheted doll
- Raffle & Refreshments

TICKETS £10.00 Please book so we know numbers.

Email: mcdowelllucya@gmail.com Text or ring: 07971 680336

Bruisyard

Twenty three riders signed in to the church on the SCHT Ride and Stride on Saturday, and Bruisyard was well represented by the Tilney Bassett team. Many thanks to them and for all the support from the recorders.

Our Harvest Festival was Saturday 20th September and our

Harvest Supper is on Saturday 25th October in the Village Hall at 7pm, the tickets are £12 each and all our welcome.

Coffee Morning on November 29th between 10am - noon

Many thanks to Richard Pawle for all his hard work throughout the summer to keep the churchyard looking so good.

Rupert and Sally

Sweffling

“CHRISTMAS BRASS” CONCERT in SWEFFLING CHURCH FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 7.30 P.M.

Leiston Royal British Legion Brass Band will play a concert of popular and Christmas music, with Sing-along Christmas Carols. **The perfect start to Christmas in Sweffling!**

Tickets: Adults £8.00, Children £4.00 to include interval Refreshments. Book with Diana (663578) or Sheila (663578) or pay at door. Proceeds in aid of St Mary’s Church

**St. Mary’s, Sweffling, Sunday December 21st 5.00 p.m.,
Carols by Candlelight** followed by mince pies and coffee/tea. All welcome. Christmas readings and Traditional Carols

Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion, Sweffling, Start 11.30 pm

**Sweffling St Mary’s Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday October 5th 9.30 a.m.**

Gifts of dried and packaged foods, toiletries etc welcomed to be donated to local food bank. Please leave in church beforehand. The Church will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays and also on Saturday 4th for decorating.

Please contact Amanda (663341) if you would like to help.

Followed by: Harvest Lunch in Sweffling Hut 1.00 p.m.

Adults £10.00, children £5.00. Booking essential for catering. Ring Diana (663578) or Sheila (663518). Proceeds to Tear Fund for famine relief.

**St. Mary’s Church,
Sunday October 12th 6.30 p.m.
TAIZE SERVICE**

**Join us for a special service of music, meditation and prayer.
ALL WELCOME**

**Curry and Quiz night
Saturday October 25th 7.00 pm
in aid of Hut Funds**

**Book your place early with Mike Smithson to avoid disappointment!
07753 825938**

Tickets £12.00 per head; bring your own drink

**Saturday November 8th 7.00 p.m.
On the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's Birth
"An Evening with Jane Austen"**

**Supper and Talk in Sweffling Hut in aid of church funds
Speaker: Helen Blackwell**

**Helen is the ex-president of the London branch of the Jane Austen
Society and is an excellent speaker**

**Tickets (including supper) £12.00. Soft drinks provided.
Booking essential for catering. Ring Diana (663578) or Sheila
(663518)**

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND MARKET, SWEFFLING HUT
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th 10.00 A.M. – 12 NOON**

**Bacon and egg rolls, Freshly brewed coffee/tea
Christmas-themed stalls, Cakes, Presents, Preserves, Pickles, Winter
Plants etc. Raffle – donations of prizes welcome.
*Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church***

St Michael's Church Rendham

We have changed our hymn-books! Our faithful old A & M Revised have been supplanted by Common Praise, which contains all the old favourites as well as more modern ones.

Our Summer Songs of Praise, a very jolly service on 10 August conducted by the Revd Claire Kiddy was well attended with the six most requested hymns being sung and everyone enjoyed the refreshments afterwards in the church.

Our Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday 21st September at 11 am. Sadly, we had to cancel the proposed Harvest lunch in the Village

Hall till next year but there will be refreshments after the service, wine and nibbles. We have placed a box in the church porch for any contributions to the Saxmundham Food Bank, and they will be blessed during the service. Tins and packets are preferred by the Food Bank. Remembrance Day will be celebrated on Sunday 9 November this year.

Last year our Carol Service was well attended, and this year it will take place again at 11.00 am on Sunday 14 December. Please let us know if any favourites should be included.

Our Christmas Market will be on Saturday 6 December in the Village Hall, from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Everyone most welcome. The Village Hall will be festively decorated as always with, we hope, a visit from Santa. Tea, coffee, mince pies and bacon butties will be served. There will be a Christmas stall with decorations, toys and gifts, a Cakes and Produce stall, a Raffle and a Books Corner. Please support us again as you have always done in the past.

Charles and Frances



Jane Austen

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