

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 2nd June	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd June	6:30pm	Home Group @ Mill
Wednesday 5th June	11am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th June	6:45pm	Alpha @ Eden Centre
Thursday 6th June	6pm	Meditation
Sunday 9th June	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th June	6:30pm	Home Group @ Mill

Extracts from the June edition of 'Writing from the Rectory'

May proved to be a busy month, ordinary day to day business of and one where I found myself running an organisation and doing so many of the roles that maintaining buildings. What a you might envisage your joy and a privilege to spend more archetypal Rector engaging in. In time with families and individuals one week alone I found myself in the most significant moments presiding over two baptisms, a of their life. wedding, a funeral, hosting a We have just celebrated garden party and running Alpha – Pentecost, the time when the our questions and answers series Holy Spirit was first given to the held at the Eden's Project on early Christians to give them the Gainsborough Street. I am sure gifts or skills needed to share the many of you might see Sunday as good news of Jesus. In a time the vicar's busiest day and when we can feel that society is a 'hatchings, matchings and fairly Godless place, lacking hope, dispatchings' as the main tasks the knowledge that God has beyond running a service. Very given us the Holy Spirit to help rarely nowadays, do those and guide is good news indeed. I traditional roles all come together sense this power moving in in one week, as much more time is Sudbury. I pray you too feel spent – as with many in work – on encouraged that there is hope, emails, calls, WhatsApp etc in the even in dark times.



Rector: Revd Andrew Doarks

I am off for the most part of this week to enjoy some half term, family time on the coast, but will see you all next Sunday, as St Andrew's are unable to provide a priest on this occasion. For those of you unsure of the pattern - I am usually at St Gregory's on the first and third Sundays of every month, and at All Saints' on the second and fourth Sundays. The occasional fifth Sunday is a joint, benefice service. St Andrew's, Great Cornard provide a priest on the second Sunday and Jim Stewart is regularly leading and preaching on the fourth Sunday of each month. My thanks to all those who help.

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Andrew

TODAY**Bible Passages****Trinity 2****First Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Second Reading:

Mark 2:23-3:6

Children's work:

Creche (0-2) in the north aisle

Junior Church will be meeting
in the upper vestryOpen to reception to Yr 6, but
2-3s welcome if accompanied.**QR code to give to the work of
the church****Half Term break**Andrew will be taking 29th May -
2nd June as annual leave.**Contacts**Reverend Andrew Doarks
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Newsletter to be received by
Thursday at 9am for Sunday.
email
stgregsnewsletter@gmail.comAndrew and Claire are
not available this week at
The Rectory.**Knitted Square for Blankets**

A big thank you to all of you who knit squares. Since covid, when you first started making squares, blankets of different sizes have been donated to various charities..

I have had a card and photos of thanks from Carol, the organiser, and I will put them at the back of church. Diane, who makes up the blankets, has asked me to give a big thank you to knitters who leave long tails on the squares as it makes her job so much easier. Please keep up the good work!
Pam H**Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve**

Our Open Air Service on Sunday, 9 June is part of an A Rocha UK "Act for Nature" event. Join us from 12:30pm with your picnic followed by walks and then an open air service at 3pm.

Legacy from Ian Fitzlyon

We are so grateful for the legacy from the late beloved Ian Fitzlyon who loved this church and its people, serving both for so many years. The gift has purchased a desk for the new vestry (aka St Anne's chapel) and a computer for our treasurer Mandy to speed up the process of accounting on our behalf. Ian was variously gifted but especially in finance and administration so these items seemed a fitting reminder of a dear brother in Christ.

Ian, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Singles LunchThe June lunch will be at The Horseshoes at Cockfield on the 30 June.
Sue Ayres**From Andrew/Claire's Hours**

Claire works on a Tuesday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm and another time with me at the Rectory throughout the week. Please be aware that if you email Claire later in the week, after she has worked on a Tuesday, Claire may well not see this email, or be able to action it, until the following Tuesday. Please do bear this in mind if you are contacting her about an event where her input is needed imminently. We are all part of the Church and if we can all play our part in forethought and its functioning, this will prove so helpful. Thank you.

Time to PrayThe leaflet for the four weeks from this Sunday, 26 May 2024, is [here](#).**A Good Read!**

Five more copies of the Home Group book "The Cross and The Prodigal" have been purchased. These are £16.27 each. Please let Claire know if you require one. The money will need to go to Mandy Turner, St. Gregory's Treasurer. Thank you.

Sudbury area Eco Church Support Group - Update

We have a new date to meet.

Tuesday, 25 June 7.30 pm

St Lawrence's, Great Waldingfield:
*Encouraging wildlife in churchyards*led by Sarah Leedham, new manager of Foxearth Meadows nature reserve. Please pass the invitation on to anyone who might be interested and also enough refreshments can be prepared, email jowitts@btinternet.com or tel. 01787 464010 / 07584 751093) with the number of people coming.**Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts**

We meet from 8 to 9.30am for a light breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer. Do join us if you can. You will be most welcome, whether you have never been before, or have not been for a couple of years, or are a regular!

The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, 1 June, hosted by Malcolm & Judith Offord at 98 Melford Road, Sudbury CO10 1JY. then on 8 June there will be a prayer zoom meeting.

Kettle and Fish

We will be serving the same delicious food and providing the same friendly welcome as always, 10am to 1.30pm at Suffolk Road Church, next to Aldi.

The dates for the coming weeks are:
13, 20, 27 June 2024

Great food, an opportunity to chat, and always someone on hand for a conversation about the Christian faith or to pray with you.

Hand BellsCome and join our free, friendly group. No experience necessary. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Next session Sat 8th June 10am-12pm.
Contact Sue on 07779854199