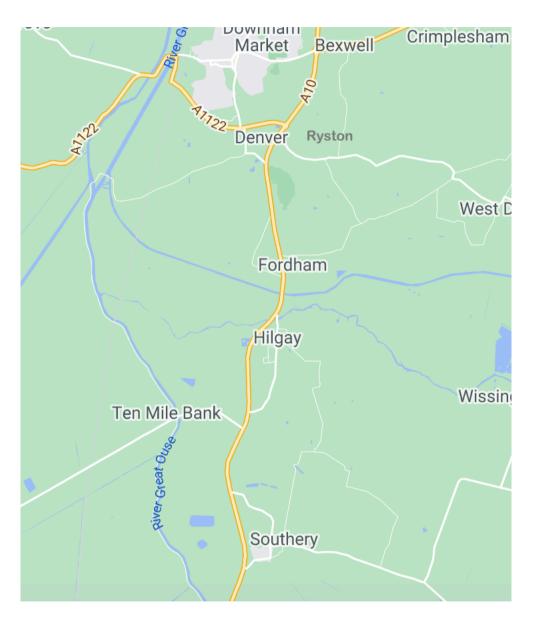
Newsletter for the Ouse Valley Benefice

including the parishes of Denver, Ryston, Bexwell, Crimplesham, Southery, Hilgay and Ten Mile Bank



About to make seven - the way forward

October - November 2021



We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ



Clergy*

(* There will be no contact available via the Denver Rectory – changes from 20th Oct. 2019 until further notice)

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Please contact our Safeguarding Officers if you have any concerns about children or vulnerable adults. Our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer is Sarah King, on 01353 652735, or email <u>sarahking@elydiocese.org</u>

AUTUMN

Autumn becomes real for me with the Harvest Festival season, which, in my experience, is a moveable feast, any time from the beginning of September through until the end of October. An occasion for reflection, tasting and thanksgiving.

Give us today our daily bread ... Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we say, "Give us today our daily bread". A first action in the morning is to reach for the bread bin to find a slice of bread to put in the toaster. Bread is all around us, especially in Norfolk where grain production is for so many their life. As I go around the supermarket and see so much bread, particularly long-lasting wrapped bread, I find myself wondering what we make of those two statements: give us today our daily bread and I am the bread of life.

I am part of a family where home bread-making has always been a shared activity. When our children were small they mixed, kneaded and shaped the dough and then learned to wait patiently for the dough to rise and be baked. Cookery hints are now shared with and them across the country. Bread continues to nourish our extended family life. Jesus, the bread of life, is reflected in such rich waiting and the delight of butter melting on that first slice of the new loaf which nourishes and sustains us, with the excitement of that cut before the loaf cools.

Harvest is indeed a time for thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for those who have grown, harvested and milled the grain Thanksgiving for our daily bread and the sensuous delight in eating it, living with he who is the bread of life. Thanksgiving for our daily sustenance. And autumn provides opportunity for continuing the feasting as we turn to chutney making and pickling. There's also the return to "proper" puddings. There is nothing like the first spoonful of apple crumble made with the new season apple crop. Such excitement beginning to turn our thoughts to winter and all that it will bring.

David Yabbacome



Fincham and Feltwell: Pastoral Reorganisation - the latest

Please make it known that 5.00 pm today (15th. Sept) marks the close of the review period for the first draft of the OVB Pastoral Plan. When I hear from the Diocesan Office of any comments on the plan, good or bad, I will report back.

[Last up-date – August - Just a quick note to let you know that the OVB Pastoral Plan was passed unanimously when it came before the Archdeacon's Missions & Pastoral Committee (ADHWMPC). It will now move into the Diocesan review process, once it has been put into the correct review format and I have provided Ely with a short rationale why the reorganization is required (background for reviewers).]

Michael Poole

Soon to make up the seven parishes:



St Mary's, Southery

St Mark's, Ten Mile Bank





All Saints, Hilgay

'Way forward' meetings:

Bexwell: 1st. meeting held – Sept 20th. in church, Sept. 21st. Zoom Denver: 1st. meeting held – Sept 22nd. in church Southery: 1st. meeting held – 16th. Oct. in church – "The World is changing; your church is changing too".

To discuss procedures for baptisms, weddings or funerals, please contact:

Mary Hurst - 01366 383867

FUNERALS The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. (Lamentations 3:22)

10 th . July 2021	Rachel Jayne Wright	Burial of ashes	St Mary's, Denver
30 th . July 2021	Roger Godfrey Robinson	Funeral & Burial	St Mary's Denver
9 th . August 2021	Cecil George Johnson	Funeral	St Mary's Denver
7 th . Sept 2021	Kenneth George Covell	Funeral	St Mary's Denver
20 th . Sept.2021	William Sydney Roe 'Bill'	Funeral-St Mary's Crim	olesham, Commital-Mintlyn

WEDDINGS *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love*

21st. August George William Everything and Rachael Audrey Hurrell St Mary's, Denver

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

There will be no paper copies of the newsletter unless you decide to print out the copy sent to you by email, and besides the full version an easy-to-print 3-4 page copy is attached with essential information. I count on all readers for whom I already have an email address to forward your copy to anyone you know who would like to be on the emailing list and to ask them, if they wish to continue to receive newsletters, to send their email direct to me (cardno@mac.com). This way I can build up an emailing list that will greatly facilitate communication.

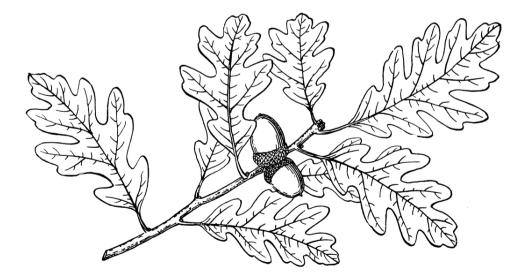
Deadline for any input you may have for the Dec-Jan issue of the newsletter is 26th. November 2021. Please send to Sheilah Cardno, St. Mary's Denver. E-mail: <u>cardno@mac.com</u>

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

The Parish Giving Scheme is a simple and efficient way to help you carry on with your regular giving using this scheme, or to start donating support for your church especially at this time when we cannot meet in the usual way. The scheme, supported by the Diocese, assists you in setting up direct debit payments to your church, including any Gift Aid, and if you wish, allows you to increase your gift annually to protect against inflation. In short, the benefits all round are:

- 1. The church benefits by:
 - a. Stable planned giving
 - b. Efficient and regular reclaim of Gift Aid
 - c. Protection against intermittent giving
- 2. The treasurer benefits by:
 - a. Reduced administration and paperwork
 - b. Access to monthly and annual statements (for tax & calendar year)
- 3. Saves time. The donor benefits by:
 - a. Being in total control of how much they give
 - b. Using a simple giving method that means regular financial support to their church
 - c. The option to increase giving annually to protect their gift against inflation
 - d. The Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects the gifts
 - e. Being able to remain anonymous if they so wish
 - f. Still being able to participate in the offertory by using tokens
- 4. If you would like further information about the scheme before deciding please visit <u>www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/</u>

GOD'S LOVE IS FREE: GOD'S WORK COSTS MONEY!



WORSHIP

Everyone is welcome to join with our worship of the Lord

Services :- Denver - St. Mary; Ryston – St Michael; Bexwell – St Mary the Virgin; Crimplesham - St. Mary; Southery – St Mary; Hilgay – All Saints; Ten Mile Bank – St. Mark



October 2021 – schedule for Benefice churches

October	Date	Time	Service	Venue
1 st Sunday		9.30 am	Holy Communion	Ryston
	3 rd	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Denver
		6.30 pm	Harvest Festival	Bexwell Church
		9.30 am	Holy Communion	Crimplesham
	10 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Southery
2 nd Sunday	10	11.00 am	Matins	Denver
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	Ten Mile Bank
		8.00 pm	Compline	Bexwell - Zoom
	17 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Bexwell
3 rd Sunday	17	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Denver
		5.00 pm	Said Communion	Southery
4 th Sunday		9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Crimplesham
	24 th	10.00 am	Service of the Word	Southery
		11.00 am	Holy Communion	Ten Mile Bank
		11.00 am	Family Service	Denver
		8.00 pm	Prayer & Meditation	Bexwell - Zoom
5 th . Sunday	31 st	10.00 am	Ouse Valley Benefice Service	Southery
			led by Archdeacon Rev.	
			Hugh McCurdy	
		8.00 pm	Music Rewind	Bexwell - Zoom
For a link to Bexwell online services, please e-mail: friendsofbexwell@gmail.com				
or call 01366 382302				
Southery has Hymns and Tea on the 3 rd . Wednesday of the month (20 th . Oct), at 2.30 pm –				
please check with either Judith Legge - 01366 377677 or Marion Lewis - 01366 377610				
For services at Ten Mile Bank please check with Rebecca Blakeway-Long – 01366 500118				

Coming Events:

Oct. 3rd. (1st. Sunday) – 12.30pm – Harvest Festival Lunch – at St Mary's Denver

Oct 3rd. (1st. Sunday) – 6.30pm – Harvest Festival (see p.11)- Bexwell.

<u>Thursday, Oct. 28th</u>. Bexwell Soup Evenings return – the last Thursday of each month, apart from December, when it will be the 3^{rd} . Thursday, 16 Dec.

November 2021

November	Date	Time	Service	Venue
1 st Sunday		9.30 am	Holy Communion	Ryston
	7 th	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Denver
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Bexwell Church
2 nd Sunday 14 th		9.30 am	Holy Communion	Crimplesham
	1 Ath	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Southery
	14	11.00 am	Matins	Denver
		11.00 am	Holy Communion-Remembrance	Ten Mile Bank
		8.00 pm	Compline	Bexwell - Zoom
	arth	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Bexwell
3 rd Sunday	21 th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Denver
		5.00 pm	Said Communion	Southery
4 th Sunday		9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Crimplesham
	28 th	10.00 am	Service of the Word	Southery
		11.00 am	Carols – 175 th . Anniversary	Ten Mile Bank
		11.00 am	Family Service	Denver
		8.00 pm	Prayer & Meditation	Bexwell - Zoom
For a link to Bexwell online services, please e-mail: <u>friendsofbexwell@gmail.com</u> or call 01366 382302				
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Coming Events:

Sat. 27th. Nov – Christmas Fair, Denver.

<u>28th. Nov</u> (4th. Sunday) 1st. Advent - 175th. Anniversary Celebration at Ten Mile Bank, with carols, cake and craft fair.

<u>24th. Dec</u> – Carols by candlelight at St Mark's, Ten Mile Bank, at 4pm.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ST MARY'S, DENVER



If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact Carol Hewitt on 388319, or Hilda Bungay on 383904.

If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Mary Hurst: 01366 383867

A return to regular events:

The Friendship Group is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm, at St Mary's, Denver.

Tower Bellringing: every Tuesday from 2pm to 3.30pm at St Mary's, Denver. Contact Susan Saxby on 01366 388493.

Handbell Ringers: for news please contact Sue Sampson on 01366 388003.

Every Wednesday Drop in for Coffee: every Wednesday at 10.15am.

<u>Children's society boxes</u> need to be returned to Denver church by October 5 for counting the following day. I am quite willing to collect from anyone unable to return theirs for whatever reason. Many thanks. Jo Walton

Supporting your church with the Parish Giving Scheme (See PGS p.6) – Denver

If you wish to receive the Parish Giving Scheme Donor Gift pack, please contact either: - David Wilson (Treasurer) 07555 960036 <u>davidwilson1312@gmail.com</u> or Christine Davies (PCC Secretary) 01366 385428 <u>n.davies281@btinternet.com</u> If you would like further information about the scheme before deciding please visit <u>www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/</u>

ST MARY'S, CRIMPLESHAM



The Churchwardens were very pleased to see so many people in Church for the Benefice service on 29th August.

We think nearly every Church in the group was represented.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST- ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE & WALK.

This was on Saturday 11th Sept. Jim Lane received sponsorship of £80 of which St. Mary's will receive half (plus gift aid). He visited 8 local churches. Many thanks to those who sponsored him

Neighbourly support & information

If you have access to a computer there is a Facebook page for "Crimplesham Residents". Anyone who lives in Crimplesham can request to join the group. The page is updated with local information. If anyone needs help with collecting prescriptions or shopping please let Facebook know and someone will be able to help.

ST MICHAEL'S, RYSTON



Ryston Holy Communion services on 1st. Sunday of the month – 3rd. October, 7th. November

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BEXWELL



Bexwell Services - any changes to the regular scheme will be announced in advance by email

Bexwell Church is holding its Harvest Festival on Sunday 3rd October at 6:30pm. Coffee/ tea / biscuits afterwards. Donations of food will be taken to the Downham Food Bank after the service. These can be left in the church porch in advance and will be arranged inside for the service. The foodbank has given guidance on what they would like to receive and what they currently *do not need*: *"Items the food bank really needs are:*

Tinned meat products (pies, mince, chicken etc.) Tinned fish, fruit, veg, potatoes. Coffee Hot chocolate

Items to use in baking and cooking (Herbs, spices, flour, seasonings) Cartons of fruit juice Squashes such as orange or apple and black currant Soup Toiletries Loo rolls Dog food

They have a huge amount of pasta so please encourage people not to give pasta or baked beans."

BEXWELL SOUP EVENINGS resume again, 7 pm onwards, starting the last Thursday of the month/ 28 October 2021, and every month throughout the winter (except Christmas, when it will be on the 3rd Thursday/16 Dec.). No charge but donations always very welcome!

Link to Bexwell Zoom services:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3119595155?pwd=dy9nNzRJby91OVprZG9nSzIMSEIPZz09

Direct reminder of online services

If you would like to join us at our online services please email to friendsofbexwell@gmail.com and you will be included in the emails which have the link for services.

Bexwell Church Parish Profile

This year we have developed our Parish Profile in a paper and video format. If you would like to know a little about Bexwell Church please use this link and watch our video <u>https://youtu.be/Gt5PL147vDc</u>

There are 13 images to see and they have been timed to allow you to read the content

We are now registered with the Parish Giving Scheme so if you would like more information please email to <u>friendsofbexwell@gmail.com</u> with Parish Giving Scheme in the subject line and your mailing address so that information can be sent to you. If you follow this link you can get further information about the scheme and how it works <u>https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/</u>

ST MARK'S, TEN MILE BANK



St Mark's Church in Ten Mile Bank celebrates it 175th birthday this year. We are planning to hold a celebration service at 11am on the 1st Sunday of Advent. This will be one of our "Carol and Craft" services, to be followed by tea and birthday cake.

It would be wonderful if as many people as possible could attend in order to celebrate with us.

For those people who have not seen one of our craft stalls, most items cost only a couple of pounds and we produce some amazing stocking fillers, including the ever popular Smartie tube covers and egg cup cosies. Pictures of some of the items that we have sold are below & preorders are accepted!

Kind regards,

Rebecca



Denver VC Primary School

"Discover – Value – Celebrate – Praise"

It has been a busy start to the term and lovely that a sense of normality has resumed. Seeing the whole school back together again in the hall for collective worship has been quite emotional, a new experience for some children who have not experienced this for over 18 months! As always, this contribution is to share with you a flavour of day-to-day school life.

Reception Intake

Welcome to our new Reception children and their parents/carers to the school. They have settled in really well and made an excellent start to their school journey here at Denver. Welcome to the Class of 2021!



Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Competition

You may remember that last year we took part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design competition. An incredible 606,049 entries were received from children across the UK, with an amazing 7,479 schools taking part. Although we did not have any individual winners, all the children who entered contributed towards a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS[™] title for the largest postage stamp design competition! The school has been presented with a special certificate which is proudly on display in the entrance hall.



Blue Peter Badge Winners

In the summer term, Blue Peter ran a Supersized Climate Heroes competition for children who show that they care about the environment and our planet. Our wellbeing gardening group were keen to apply and absolutely thrilled that their application to become Blue Peter Climate Heroes was successful. Not only have they each been awarded with a special Green Blue Peter Badge, they can also apply for a Blue Peter Badge Card to gain free access to over 200 attractions throughout the UK.

Well done to our gardeners, what a fantastic achievement! **Eco Committee**

We are keen to get our Eco Committee up and running again this term and the number of applications received from the children highlights the passion in the school for environmental issues. One of our focus areas this term will be on reducing our use of single use plastic within the school. The newly formed Eco Committee will soon be communicating the targets they would like us to achieve throughout the year.

Bike to School Week

The last week in September has been Bike to School week and it has been lovely to see our new cycle shelters full of bikes! Well done to all those children who have cycled to school this week – certificates will be awarded in celebration assembly.

Clubs

We are really pleased by the high uptake to the range of after school clubs we are offering this term. Feedback from the children has been really positive.

School Lunches

Mrs Fenn has found that apart from cheesy pasta, very few children are taking up the vegetarian option, and we are wasting a lot of food. For anyone wanting a vegetarian option, Mrs Fenn would like to trial providing vegetarian jacket potatoes or school sandwiches, rather than

the vegetarian choice on the menu. She can also offer vegetarian sausages and Quorn products if the children would

prefer. Cheesy pasta will continue to be offered on the days it is on the menu.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

The children who are awarded star of the week in each class now get an extra treat, hot chocolate, and a little treat, with Head Teacher, Mrs Jones, the following Friday. Here are the first 'stars of the week' enjoying their treat.

Paper Donation

Williams Lea from Wymondham have kindly donated some paper to the school. We are very grateful for their generosity.



It's Good to Grow

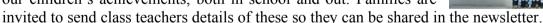
We're collecting the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' tokens. It's Good to Grow is a schools' programme to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce. Every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll receive a Grow Token which we will be able to exchange for free gardening equipment to get our children growing. To start collecting Grow Tokens you need to download the MyMorrisons app and choose Denver VC Primary. You don't have to be part of the school community to do this!

Summer Reading Bingo Challenge

A huge congratulations to everyone who engaged in the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge. We were so pleased with the number of children who returned their bingo cards and shared photos of themselves reading in all sorts of different environments. We have created a 'We Love Reading' display celebrating the children who read over the summer.

Celebrating Success

In the words of our school vision 'Seeking to discover and celebrate what is good in each individual', we are always keen to celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and out. Families are



Bottle Tops

Mrs Collins would like me to thank all those who collected bottle tops over the summer holidays. The wellbeing gardening group will be using these for one of their projects this term.

Shoe Box Appeal

Each year, we support the Rotary Shoebox Scheme to spread a little happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves in many different countries across Central and Eastern Europe. We would be extremely grateful if the children could donate an item, or more if they are able to, which could be included in a shoebox. Items do not need to be brand new, although should be of good quality. For more information about the scheme and lists of suggested items, please visit www.rotaryshoebox.org

Volunteers

We are very keen to once again welcome volunteers into school. We have a number of regular volunteers who come in to school to listen to readers, help on school events and trips etc. and we would like to expand our team. If you feel you have some time to spare, please contact the school via office@denver.norfolk.sch.uk. We really would be grateful for any extra support.

Harvest Assembly - 7th October

We are having a Harvest assembly at St Mary's Church, Denver on Thursday 7th October. This event is only for the children to attend. Donations of food are being given to Downham Market Food Bank. **Open Morning – 15th October**



We are hosting an Open Morning aimed at the new Reception starters for next September on Friday 15th October. Parents who have a child due to start school next year will be able to book an appointment to come into school with their child to spend some time in Class 1 and see some of the fantastic learning that takes place. If you are a parent of a child due to start school next September, or know of someone is, please contact the office to book an appointment. We are sending a copy of the Open Morning poster with this newsletter and we would be grateful if you could display it, or pass onto someone who might be interested. More details from the poster at the end of this submission.

Ely Cathedral Schools' Day – 18th October

On 18th October, the children in Class 3 will be joining many other schools across the diocese for an online Ely Cathedral Schools' Day. The aim of the day is to investigate the refugee experience and the vulnerabilities that come with being forced to flee your home, comparing the experiences of refugees from the north in 1071 and modern refugees before finding out more about the Christian response to these issues.

Active Kids – 19th October

We have arranged for the Y1 children to participate in three different Active Kids festivals throughout the year, and the first of these will take place on 19th October at Lynnsport in King's Lynn. We are really pleased that these are happening face-to-face rather than virtually. We hope the children enjoy the first festival.



Tennis

Evie, Chloe, Ivy and Logan in Y5 were finally able to take part in the deferred mini-tennis development tournament at KES Academy Tennis Centre on Friday 17th September. They had an enjoyable afternoon of festival fun and we are very grateful to them for representing our school. Thank you also to the parents for making it happen.

National Fitness Day

On Wednesday 22nd September, it was National Fitness Day so we joined in with the Alive Leisure initiative to complete an active mile. Each class had some time on the Golden Mile track to complete 8 laps and meet the target. Well done to everyone!

Bikeability

If you were driving around the village last week you may have come across groups of children on bikes as they received four days of intensive Bikeability Cycling Proficiency training. For Level One training, the children were taught how to check a bicycle for roadworthiness and how to perform safe starting, stopping, turning and signalling manoeuvres from within the school grounds. Successful completion of Level One allowed the children to move on to Level 2 and practise their skills on progressively busy roads. This is included how to position at junctions and how to navigate parked vehicles and obstacles. The instructors remarked upon the good skills and behaviour. The children learnt a great deal about road safety and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are very thankful to the instructors and a very special thank you also goes to Mrs Dawson who kindly gave up her time to support both groups for the entire four-day period.



And finally...

The staff work so hard and are ever creative in ensuring Denver School children have a wonderful time learning and playing together. Please remember to pray for the safety of the children and staff and to ask God to pour blessings upon them.



(Parents have given their consent for the photos of their children to be taken and shown here)

We are unique! We have free Wi-Fi in Denver church, thanks to itswisp



itswisp / intouch systems – they're going places & your home in Denver or elsewhere could score by going with them! Worth enquiring.

