



Alde Sandlings Benefice

Aldeburgh, St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church,
Aldringham, St Andrew's Parish Church,
Friston, St Mary's Parish Church
Knodishall, St Lawrence's Parish Church

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Sunday 12th November Third Sunday before Advent/ Remembrance Sunday



Services in The Alde Sandlings Benefice this Sunday

Aldeburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial/Moot Hall
Aldringham	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Friston	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Knodishall	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service

Lest we forget ...

If you haven't seen it yet, as we approach Remembrance Sunday, St Andrew's at Aldringham have once again created their 'Field of Remembrance' honouring the men of the parish who have given their lives in the service of their Country over the years.



The unique display of a biography of each of those being remembered has been created to remember the fallen as sons of the parish and not just names in a book.

Why not take a walk around the churchyard and look at the 'Field of Remembrance' which will be on display from 4th to 19th November.

After this the biographies are on permanent display inside the church in the parish 'Roll of Honour and Book of Remembrance'.



Dear Friends,

How wonderful that more people are coming forward saying that they would like to explore confirmation! It's never too late to confirm your promises to God, and what a party we can have as a benefice to support and celebrate our friends who will be making these promises next year.

Do mention confirmation to anybody you think might be interested, and one of the team will be so pleased to have a chat about it.

This weekend we commemorate Remembrance Day and think about the causes that people give their lives for and to. It is good for us to give thanks to those who are willing to make sacrifices, and to use this time to re-evaluate our own lives, the things to which we commit, and the ways in which we serve. God is ever present and waiting for us to reach out to Him. Be encouraged.

With prayers,

Sarah

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Second Reading

I Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Sermon by Revd Sarah du Boulay,
Fourth Sunday before Advent/All Saints Day,
5th November at Friston**

During a few days when we maybe think about death more than usual, with Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day happening in quick succession, the Bible readings we have heard today are exceedingly powerful. All speak of how God has ultimately overcome death. About how God himself is our Saviour. How in God's kingdom, there is no more death, no more disease, no more suffering, no more pain, – God himself is our Salvation... in these readings, we learn exactly what eternal life in God's kingdom looks like.

The whole point about death, as a Christian, is that it brings new life. Eternal life.

But in this lifetime, death can all too often feel like it's a final ending – we no longer see, smell, hear or touch loved ones who have died. We remember them. We reverently dispose of their bodies, and we treasure their memories. But they are no longer physically here with us. It's tough. It's really tough. Death is such a hard thing to deal with – for professionals who have to deal with it every day, through to a child experiencing for the first time the death of a pet. One minute a living, breathing person or animal is here. The next – they're gone. Something that looks like them remains, but their essence – the thing that animates them, that makes them, them – is gone. Lost.

Grief, it is said, is the price paid for loving (I have been using this quote for a long time, but have only recently found out that it is attributed to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II). We love, therefore we grieve. I agree with this to a certain extent – but as Christians, I think we are looking at the statement upside down. Grief is not the guaranteed result of love. Death is not inevitable. Without love, we would not grieve, absolutely. Grief can only follow love. But that is slightly different to saying it will always follow love.

Am I making sense? As Christians, who know the Gospel story, who know that Jesus died and was raised back to life by God, who know that in this sacrifice and resurrection, God proved once and for all that He is the Almighty – that love overcomes evil – that life overcomes death – we know that death is not, in fact, the final ending.

We know, that we have been promised salvation – and that salvation is life eternal in the presence of God himself – our creator, our redeemer, our Lord. It's breath-taking. And this promise – this invitation, is open to absolutely everyone who ever lived, is living, and ever will live.

It can take one's breath away, can't it? The enormity of what we are hearing.

It's a story we have heard, time and time again, and sometimes it can feel like it loses its power. But I want to remind you just what a huge promise this is. So go on – take a second. Think about what the promise of heaven – the actuality of your redemption – the fact that death is not the final word, means to you. In your life. With your experiences and relationships.

We all know that last week was Halloween. And some people here will know that Hallow in Old English means 'holy' or 'sacred'. Therefore, Hallow's Eve, or Halloween, simply means the evening of Holy Persons – the evening before All Saints Day. We remember the saints and allow the memory of their faith to spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the Lord.

On Thursday, we extended our remembrances to all who have died, irrespective of faith, gender, race, and we prayed specifically for people known to and loved by us.

But today we celebrate All Saint's Day itself, which is a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the Church. We remember all the faithful people who have gone before us – who have studied scripture, who have preached, who have prayed and shared their faith, and worshipped – many of them in this building here...

We remember that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. These bricks are soaked in the prayers of people who lived and died before we were even born. Who believed what we believe. We're not just remembering the official Church saints – we are remembering today that the Bible tells us all who believe and trust in Christ, are saints. That makes me a saint. It makes you a saint. It makes many of us here, saints. The invitation is open to all.

It reminds us that these saints are experiencing the promise of God we have just spoken about. These saints are currently in God's presence, worshipping him forever alongside the angels. Where God has wiped away suffering, and death doesn't mean a thing.

Today is a day of great hope. It's a reminder of the resurrection – not just of Jesus, but also of Lazarus – an everyman who was brought back to life by Jesus himself – a sign that Jesus was God, and completed miracles as God and in God's name. And if Lazarus can overcome death, in the name of God

– that means the promise is for all of us, too. After we die in this life, we also will continue to live – both in God’s kingdom of heaven, and in memory, here on earth.

We are stronger together – all the saints in eternity, loving and praising and praying and worshipping. Eternal life doesn’t start when we leave this earthly life. It starts when we come to know and love Jesus. So make the most of it – the rest of your eternal life starts today!

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Next Sunday, 19th November
Second Sunday before Advent**

Weekly Benefice Newsletter

If you would like something added to the weekly newsletter that is relevant to the Benefice, please do let Claire know and we will do our best to include it the following week.

All requests by 4pm on Thursday please

† Church of England and Diocese Online Worship †

There are many online services you can view from the Church of England and our cathedral. Here are some links below.

Church of England website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services>

Church of England Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland/>

Church of England YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLeK8GovYoaYzlgyOEIKZg>

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral>

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Alde Sandlings Benefice**

Your donations REALLY mean so much to us at this challenging time. No matter how small your donation is, it helps us keep our doors open, support our ministry and mission, and to help preserve our church buildings. THANK YOU SO MUCH

Just click on the link to support any of our churches -

<https://www.aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk/ways-to-donate-to-the-churches-within-the-alde-sandlings-benefice/>

† Fairfield Centre Prayers - Café Church †

Every third Sunday of the month at **4pm**.

Relaxed and informal with tea, toast, activities, chat and worship.

All ages very welcome

† Worship at The Alde Sandlings †

We are asking for volunteers to deliver prayers of intercession during the services at any of the churches you worship in. The prayers can be written by the person delivering them, they can be taken from a book, or they can be written by someone else, i.e. a member of the clergy. Training can be given. Any member of the congregations can take part in the service in this way. If you would like to deliver the prayers, please either speak to a member of clergy, church warden or email

admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk

Would you like to come forward for Confirmation?

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were baptised at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. There will be some confirmation meetings giving you the opportunity to discuss your lifetime journey of faith coming up in the benefice. If you think this would be something that you wish to explore further, please speak to a member of clergy or contact

admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk

† Morning Prayer across the Benefice †

Revd Sarah is bringing the benefice together in prayer each morning from 9-9.30am. People are very welcome to join, no regular commitment required, just pop along when you wish.

Monday – Aldeburgh & Friston

Tuesday - Knodishall

Wednesday – Aldeburgh

Thursday – Aldringham

Friday - Aldeburgh

Knodishall Parish Church Proposed Plans for Toilet Extension

Church of Knodishall: St Lawrence

In the parish of Knodishall with Buxlow

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

Construction of a single-story extension housing a fully accessible toilet on the south side of the church, to adjoin the nave wall at the point marked by an existing blocked doorway; introduction of kitchenette in southwest corner of nave.

*Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at
St Lawrence Church Knodishall*

**If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals,
you should send a letter stating the grounds of your
objection to The Diocesan Registrar at**

The Diocesan Registry

c/o Birketts LLP

Providence House

141-145 Princes Street

Ipswich

IP1 1QJ

angie-long@birketts.co.uk

Aldeburgh Choir

Do you like to sing? Come and join our church choir. Our services are every Sunday at 10.30am. We also hold special extra services at Christmas and other events in the church calendar. The choir plays an essential role to our worship. So, the more the merrier, even if you are just visiting us. Want to give it a go? Contact: admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk For more information.

† Pilgrims Together on Wednesdays on Zoom †

The worship starts at 6.30pm (Zoom call opens from 6.10pm) and the call is then left open after the worship time for people to catch up. People are welcome to email pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com to receive a copy, be added to our mailing list or for the Zoom links.

Saturday 2nd December Community Breakfast starting 9.30 @ The Parrot, then supporting the Village Christmas Fete @ Dolphin from 12 noon

As before, a delicious breakfast bap and coffee / tea combo for £6.50 is on offer at the Parrot. Come for breakfast and a catch-up with folk. (You don't need to book in advance, you can decide on the morning.) Please do invite friends along. A group from Pilgrims will then be supporting the village Christmas fete at the Dolphin from noon.

Food Banks at the East of England Co-op

Foodbanks provide a valuable service to those in need in our communities. The Aldeburgh Co-op and Solar in Leiston are doing a grand job in collecting food donations, which are collected regularly and distributed. So please look out for the various collection baskets. <https://www.eastofengland.coop/community/foodpoverty/foodbank-support>

**ALDE SANDLINGS BENEFICE
CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION at ALDEBURGH CHURCH**



Come share
the light this
Christingle

**The
Children's
Society**

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 6.30PM

A SERVICE FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY

Please do check our website for news and updates www.aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk

THE FAIRFIELD CENTRE - ALDEBURGH

**The Fairfield Centre is looking for a few enthusiastic,
community minded local residents to join the
Fairfield Centre Management Committee.**



The Fairfield Centre is ideally placed to serve our community of Aldeburgh. We are especially looking for energetic individuals who are willing to help our Centre grow.

Do you have the enthusiasm, imagination, sense of humour and love for our local area to apply?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, please contact Linda Lumpkin at info@thefairfieldcentre.co.uk or Claire Turner at admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk