

# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

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for every home in Boxted & Langham*

## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

It is wonderful that we are now allowed to have services in church, and in August we have managed to have a gathered service in each of the villages for which I am Rector. We have agreed to continue the same pattern of services for September and October and they are listed below.

We will keep the situation under review, and if it changes we'll respond appropriately. (Should you wonder why West Bergholt appears so often, it is because it is the only church, in the group, which has Wi-Fi and an adequate mobile phone reception.)

- **1st Sunday, 10 am**, Gathered Communion Service with Zoom, at West Bergholt

- **2nd Sunday, 8 am** Gathered Eucharist at St. Peter's, Boxted; 9.15 Messy Church, West Bergholt, Zoom; 10 am Eucharist, West Bergholt, Zoom

- **3rd Sunday, 8am** BCP Gathered Eucharist at St. Mary's, Langham 9.15 Praise on 4, West Bergholt, Zoom; 10 Communion, West Bergholt, Zoom

- **4th Sunday, 8 am** BCP Gathered Communion at All Saints', Great Horkesley; 10am Communion West Bergholt, Zoom

## THREE PARISHES ADMINISTRATOR

With sadness we have accepted Janine Wilde's resignation as our Three Parishes Administrator. We are, though, delighted for Janine, as she has been accepted to train for Ordination into the Church

of England. She will be leaving us towards the end of September. Janine, we send you our very best wishes for your training and the years to come.

Yesterday, 26th August, we held interviews for Janine's successor. I am delighted to say that Mrs. Jo Russell was chosen as her successor. She has had a career in banking administration, at all levels, and is an accredited civil and

commercial mediator. She is deeply involved in St. Luke's Church in Highwoods, being their Pastoral Assistant, financial adviser, PCC member and Deanery Synod Representative. Jo will be taking up the post towards the end of September after the necessary references and checks have been completed. We give you a very warm welcome Jo.

*Mandy Elmes*

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*Please note that the **second Wednesday** contact number is now **272774** (not **272504** as appears on the leaflets).*



**Deadline for submissions for the October edition: 15th September**  
**Contact the editor via email: [lwbnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lwbnewsletter@gmail.com)**

# ***Boxted Parish Council Report – August 2020***

**A** big thank-you to the **Langham and Boxted Newsletter** editor for inviting Boxted Parish Council to include a report.

Boxted's Council meets 10 times a year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except for August and December. When lock-down started the Council suspended all physical meetings but legislation was soon passed allowing virtual council meetings and now our Councillors have become regular users of zoom.

Members of the public are very much welcome to join us on these meetings. There is a regular slot at

the start of each meeting for people to raise any issues which, if they can't be answered straight away, then the Council can take them away and respond afterwards. The minutes of each meeting are published on the new Parish Council website ([boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk](http://boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk)).

Most Council business is routine, but this year has been anything but routine.

Firstly, the Council had to close the play area and skate park – signage, locks and cable ties were in place to deter people from



using the equipment - but some continued to use it. Fortunately, we have been allowed to open the areas now, but people should note that the equipment is not cleaned, and people should wash/sanitise hands frequently and maintain social distancing.



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The Hub café closed its doors and quickly morphed to a “meals on wheels” service helping those people shielding in the village. The Hub, along with some volunteers ran a support service (shopping, prescriptions etc) for shielding or isolating residents, and Boxted Council supported the Good Neighbours Scheme that stepped up to help both Boxted and Langham villages.

We haven't seen any football or cricket matches since March, but practice and matches are starting again on the playing field. The changing facilities aren't available, and the Hub café is still closed to the public – although orders for food etc can be phoned through.

Whilst the Hub café was closed, we were able to get the building render improved.

We were able to plant several small whips (tree stems) around the field but the hot weather has not been good for them. Volunteers have helped water and weed around these areas. A big thankyou to the volunteers.

**R**outine business has included health and safety equipment checks, the annual tree survey assessing the health and status of all the trees on the playing field, passing comment on planning applications in Boxted, getting the playing field grass cut and repairing part of the signpost at Boxted Cross.

The Council also has a role in acting as Trustee for the Village Hall and this year have managed to secure a grant for stage lighting for the Boxted Players (still to be ordered) and we have new fire-retardant curtains going in. There are four newly installed bike racks on the front wall and it would be great to see these used – remember to bring your own chain.

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**S**t Helena Hospice's **Midnight Walk** returns in September – with a twist – it's been relaunched as a virtual day time event, renamed as the **Midday Walk** for 2020.

The **Midday Walk** will still take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, however participants are instead asked to start their walk at midday – 12pm – and can choose where they want to complete their 4.5 or 9 mile walk.

Sarah Wilson, St Helena Hospice's fundraising manager, said: "A virtual Midday Walk isn't quite how we envisioned our biggest event of the year, but we're making the best of this new virtual world we're living in, whilst encouraging people to support their local hospice and stay active.

"Where we normally would all walk 4.5 or 9 miles together around Colchester, we're now asking people to walk either on their own, or with their households – and they can choose whatever location they want – it could be their garden, their stairs, the treadmill, the park or the beach!"

This year St Helena Hospice celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the hospice

had been planning an 80s themed Midnight Walk with its legendary party atmosphere to mark the occasion.

However, as with all mass participation events, their plans had to be put on hold. Sarah added: "We are unfortunately losing significant amounts of income every month as we haven't been able to hold our usual fundraising events and activities. That's why we're hoping that the hundreds of people who were planning on joining us at one of our events this year, and many of our other supporters, will sign up to join the Midday Walk with their household and raise as much sponsorship money as they can for their local hospice.



"All the money raised from this Midday Walk will go towards our Urgent Appeal to help us continue to provide our

vital care and support to our patients and families, now and in the future.

"For those keen to know if they will have a chance to do our 80s themed Midnight Walk; we're hoping we will be able to bring this to you next year, but for now please do join us at our Midday Walk."

*The Midday Walk is kindly sponsored by Birkett Long.*

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