

ALL SAINTS NEWS



WHAT A CHRISTMAS WE'VE HAD!

It was a privilege to be invited to MC the gathering at The Dog Inn for the Christmas Tree light switch on and Memory Tree moment. Ross did a great job arranging the amazing brass band as over 200 people joined in carol singing around the Christmas tree. It was moving to see the memory hearts being placed on the tree and to meet up with those I have had the privilege of taking loved one's funerals and/ or supporting people who have lost family and/friends. The Dog Inn launched their raffle with proceeds to be shared equally between Ambers Army and the Church for the roof repairs. An amazing £404 was given to both charities at the end of December; thank you so much for all the raffle ticket buyers, the prizes donated and Ross for arranging this.

Fast forward to the 15 December when around 100 people came to sing carols around the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall. Thanks to the musicians who made this possible, to Derek at the Social Club for arranging the mulled wine and for the donations made that evening which are being split equally between Ambers Army and the towards All Saints Church Roof repairs.

Christmas Tree Festival week.

The festival was held in All Saints Church to raise money for the roof repairs as well as for Ambers Army. It was a wonderful event with 17 community groups having a Christmas Tree and over 500 people visiting the church to view them.

The final amount raised is yet to be confirmed but it is at least £1,100 to be shared equally between the 2 charities. Amazing! Huge thanks to everyone who helped make this event happen.







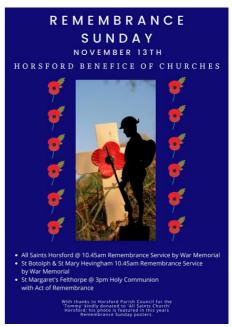
Remembrance

Before Christmas we had our annual Remembrance Service in All Saints Churchyard around the Memorial. Over 170 people along including the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all involved in the service alongside Veterans and people across the Parish. A poignant reminder of those who died to ensure we've the freedom we enjoy today.

Christingle singing raised the roof

Then came Christmas week. It was full on with years 1 and 5 from Horsford C of E VA Primary School coming for their carol service in the church. Over 150 people filled the church as the children sang brilliantly and read the story of Jesus' birth. Christingle was a full and fun as ever. How did 180 people fit into the church?!

We all sang and took an active part in building a giant Christingle, singing by candle light, telling the Christmas story and finding the characters to place them in the stable. Will the shepherds recover from their zip wire entrance?! Then Midnight Service with 49 people and Christmas morning full of family fun – it was quite a wonderful week!



Church Services

Everyone is welcome to our weekly Sunday services, 10.30am and Tuesday morning service, again at 10.30am. Refreshments are always served.





Church Thatch Roof & Glamourous Guttering!



Help us fund the All Saints Church Roof Repairs Project



We have appointed the thatcher – A & R Kelly thatching - for the replacement of the thatch. In addition to the cost of thatch, the £42,262 includes scaffolding and remedial work to be completed.

The work will take place once the money has been raised. Grants are being applied for and thank you for the donations which continue to come in.

Tenders are now out for the guttering repairs which are badly needed. We hope to appoint in March. Do look out for how to donate to the roof repairs.

Do email me for more information on revmargaretmcphee@gmail.com or via the QR code on the posters at All Saints Church, Horsford Church Room and The Dog Inn. You will be investing in the oldest historic building in Horsford.





Every Thursday during Term time 9.30 - 11.30 Horsford Church Room





Easter Services

Details of the Easter Services in our three churches in Horsford, Hevingham and Felthorpe are below.

You are very welcome to any of the





Easter Egg Hunt

Back again by popular demand is the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Activity Morning at All Saints Church, Horsford

Churchyard tidy

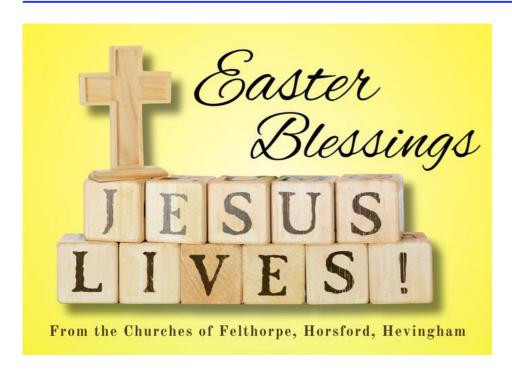
Churchyard Tidy Help Out

Over the Coronation weekend, we have another Big Help Out in the churchyard on Saturday 6 April. Do come along anytime from 10am to help make this public space tidier and preparing the wildflower and other areas ready for Spring and Summer.

Contact

isi.saunders@horsfordbenefice.org for details





Easter Cards

During February we will be delivering our annual Easter cards to all homes in Horsford, Hevingham and Felthorpe villages, with the details of all services and events for Easter in the three Parish Churches. Please do email me if you are able to help with the delivery of a bundle of cards to a road in Horsford or Hevingham. Thank you!



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