



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Services this Sunday for The Alde Sandlings Benefice

Aldeburgh	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Aldringham	11.00am	Battle of Britain Service
Friston	9.00am	Harvest Festival Service
Knodishall	9.00am	Harvest Festival Service

### Message from our priest in charge – The Revd Sarah du Boulay

Dear Friends,

As I come to write this, I realise that I'm not at all sure what to say. The last few weeks have been immense, and have come at a time when as a nation, I think, we are all feeling a little bemused and worried for the coming winter. The circumstances in which we have found ourselves have only served to befuddle us even more, in terms of identity, constancy and reassurance.

At times like this, I am a big proponent of stopping still, taking stock, then carrying on. Silence and stillness are both great gifts, and I think can be immensely useful. So that is what I am going to do. In my 48 hours off this weekend, I am going to stop. I am going to be as quiet as possible. I'm going to rest. And I'm going to pray.

And then I'm going to continue. Onwards and upwards. Together, we will move forward and help to bring about God's kingdom here on earth. The Revival starts here!

With every blessing,

Sarah

### **Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading**

#### **Amos 6.1a, 4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
the notables of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel resorts!  
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound  
of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

## **Second Reading**

### **I Timothy 6.6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 16.19-end**

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those

who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

### **Readings for Aldeburgh only**

First Reading – Genesis 28:10-17

Second Reading – Revelation 12:7-12

Gospel Reading – John 1:47-51

### **Sermon preached by Bishop Sandy Millar at Aldeburgh Civic Service, 18th September**

Luke 22:25 Jesus said to them, “the kings of the Gentiles lord it over them.....but you are not to be like that. Instead the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.....I am among you as one who serves.”

When even Jesus...prophet, priest and King all rolled into one says that He didn’t come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many we realise that leadership in the Kingdom of God is quite different from that in the world.

The Queen clearly understood that and she demonstrated that in her carefully chosen and much quoted words in her address to the Nation on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1947.....”I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial family to which we all belong.”

In this declaration she was accepting what most of us would think was an almost unbearable task from which she could not honourably escape and which meant that practically every day was constrained and shaped and observed – what she said, what she wore, where she went ....and her family likewise.....much of her freedom and individuality being sacrificed in

order that she could truly be said to represent all of us. And we, for our part, so often seemed to reserve the right freely to comment and to criticise, if we felt there was any deviation from the role that we envisaged for her and her family. The right to criticise...as King Charles discovered again when the pen he had been given leaked ink all over his hands and he made what many of us may have thought to be a rather moderate response in the circumstances of a stressful day. A role with unspoken values to be preserved..... kept out of the rancour and unpleasantness of so much of political life.... and setting a moral tone and example to which we aspire but even we don't always achieve. It is, we would think, an impossible task. And yet.....she achieved it and in the ups and downs of family life she stood as a rock, a lighthouse even, guiding us and inspiring us towards the Christian faith- with its strong emphasis on generosity, family life, care for one another, unity in the home and outside in public life harmony- the Christian faith of which she spoke with increasing clarity and bravery as her reign went on.. in her Christmas and other addresses to the Nation. She accepted the burden that she had undertaken and carried it successfully, lovingly and bravely all her long life. She never seemed to put a foot wrong...and for so long.

Most of us have lived through a period of monarchy as good as any in our history and very much better than most....That is why I think we feel so sad, so grateful and now so bereft and why so many countless thousands are flocking to pay their last respects to her memory.

St Paul, writing to Timothy (1 Timothy 3:13) says "Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus" So it is with Queen Elizabeth.

She came to Aldeburgh more than once and seems to have loved the area...she said on one occasion that "our sense of what it is to be British derives as much from our treasured towns, villages and the coastline of East Anglia as it does from the great cities like London or Birmingham." There are some lovely photographs that Richard Marson has kindly shown me of her visit with Prince Philip here in June 1967 when they visited the Moot Hall and the Lifeboat. Richard Marson was himself Mayor of Aldeburgh and it is his father who is the Mayor in the pictures. They show the Queen in all the youthfulness, exuberance, and energy that many of us...not all...remember so well, and with such affection.

The Queen also came to open the Snape Maltings of course as well...on both occasions.

Later this evening and indeed tomorrow after the funeral service we as a Nation are invited to spend a period of silence “reflecting upon the late Queen’s life and legacy...” I would love us to include some reflections... on her model of servant leadership and what we can learn and put into practice from that now that she is no longer with us...on her lifetime of sacrifice and dedication as we thank God for the privilege of having had her as our Queen for so long...on her conscientious fulfilment of duty, her interest in people and everyday life.....you may remember as I do vividly when Michael Fagan in the summer of 1982 broke into Buckingham Palace and found himself in the Queen’s bedroom sitting on her bed...someone congratulated her on keeping so calm ...she replied “you forget...I spend my life talking to strangers!”...her humour and the wisdom and experience that she built up over the years...we loved her, and we miss her already. Let us include too in our reflections prayers for her successor King Charles as he takes on the task that she fulfilled so wonderfully well.

THE QUEEN IS DEAD

GOD SAVE THE KING

### **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Friston Ride and Stride Update



### £1,500 RAISED BY FRISTON FOR SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Thank you to Mary and Ian Shipman accompanied by Carol Durrant, Gus and Otto for walking over twelve miles across the local countryside visiting churches and drawing attention to the potential locations of the various energy projects with which we are threatened. More especially, we thank all those of the Friston community who generously sponsored Mary and Ian and raised over £1,200, half of which goes to Friston to support its own fabric. The icing on the cake was Tony Morley driving his classic Alvis in the Rally for Vintage and Classic Cars from Cockfield Hall to Lavenham accompanied by navigator, Mike Jones escorting 'lady' Marie Szpak in the back! Tony raised £245 through 'strong-arming' friends at the Aldeburgh Yacht Club. Thank you all for your generous support. Our Suffolk churches are our living heritage!

### NOTICES

#### † Morning Prayer across the Benefice with Revd Sarah †

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

Monday – Friston

Tuesday - Knodishall

Wednesday - Aldringham

Thursday - Aldeburgh



## **Harvest Festival Services in The Alde Sandlings Benefice**

Friston - 9am – September 25<sup>th</sup>

Knodishall - 9am – September 25<sup>th</sup>

Aldeburgh – 10.30am - 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Aldringham 11am – 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Thank God for the Harvest**

## **Harvest Decoration in Aldeburgh Parish Church**

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, the flower team will be preparing the church ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Festival Service. If you have any produce that you can donate, please see Dru or Karen, or see them in church on the Saturday. Any useable produce will be donated to the Fairfield Centre Lunch Club.

## **† 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/UCLecK8GovYoaYzIgyOEIKZg>

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Facebook Page

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

## **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.

## **Youth Club – We need your help!**

The Youth Club is back! 7pm to 9pm on Monday evenings during term time for 10–14-year-olds. We are thankful that the Youth Club is as popular as ever. We **really need** some more volunteers to help on these evenings. There is a rota in the west porch that you can add your name to, if you can help (after the summer holidays) or you can contact Fran Smith at [admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@aldeburghparishchurch.org.uk)



## **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**

### **† 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](mailto:pilgrimstogether473@gmail.com) to receive a copy, be added to our mailing list, or for the Zoom links.

### **Saturday 1st October Community Breakfast and Local Ramble starting 9.30 @ The Parrot**

As before, a delicious breakfast bap and coffee / tea combo for £6.50 is on offer at the Parrot, before we head out to explore local paths. Come just for breakfast and a catch-up with folk, come for just the ramble or come and enjoy both. (You don't need to book in advance, you can decide on the morning.) To help with timing, if coming only to ramble then we generally head from The Parrot around 10.30am. Please do invite friends along.

### **Saturday Community 15th October Good News Faith Cafe @ The Outside Inn, Parrot Pub 9.30 - 10.30**

A time for conversation, a hot drink and a croissant. A time to share and offer our thoughts and stories. Acts of kindness within the Outside Inn and taken out into the outside world.

### **~~NOW CANCELLED~~**

~~**Piano Music Recital with Louisa Harmer  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm – Aldeburgh Parish Church**~~

### **Lunchtime Classical Concert Series**

#### **Aldeburgh Parish Church**

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon**

The highly successful series of the 2022 Classical Concerts organised by **Save the Children** in collaboration with Nadia Lasserson continue.

The third concert will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon with trios for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano.

Masumi Ogura (Clarinet)

Janet Coles (Cello)

Nadia Lasserson (Piano)

**All Welcome**