



THE LANTERN



~JUNE 2023~

NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD



IT'S BREDFIELD CHURCH FETE TIME!



CORNERSTONE OF THE COMMUNITY



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FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Discovering God and sharing the love of Jesus

For over 500 years, St Andrew's Church, with its lovely bell tower and tranquil churchyard shaded by ancient lime trees, has been a place of Christian worship and has sought to be the cornerstone of our village community here in Bredfield.

The church is more than a building. The Bible tells us that the church is the people of God seeking to follow Christ and serve their community through prayer and practical support. That is what St Andrew's seeks to be as a church congregation.

Over the last few months, since the beginning of January, we have spent time praying about and considering what we believe God's plans and vision are for St Andrew's for the coming years. There were times of prayer, reflection, and consultation running up to our Annual Church Meeting in April.

We believe that our '**Purpose**', explaining why we exist as a Benefice, is "Discovering God and sharing the love of Jesus". We can all discover God, more of God, and go deeper in our faith wherever we are on our journey of faith, and whether or not we are a member of St Andrew's.

'**Values**' are what matter to us and makes our church distinctive. For us, they are 'Welcoming', 'Loving', 'Prayerful', 'Community Focused' and 'Growing in faith'. They reflect how we seek to be, as all as what we seek to become.

Our **Vision** describes what we seek to become, by the grace of God, and the focus of our ministry over the next three to five years. At the heart of our Vision is growth: in number and in faith. It is also rooted in the belief that God wants to do, and is indeed doing, a 'new thing' (Isaiah 43:19) in us and through us as a church and in Bredfield.

As St Andrew's has been a place of Christian worship and prayer since the 14th Century, so we continue to be an active place of worship and seek to serve our village community today. We would love to welcome you to any of our services or activities and be assured that there is always a warm welcome.

I always love meeting everyone at the village shop (where there is great fresh local produce especially at this time of year) and other events, as well as on Sundays at the church services. In May we had a wonderful Rogation Walk around a section of the parish boundary, 'beating the bounds', and it was really good to walk and meet with a wide diversity of people from the village and beyond.

At the beginning of this month, I am very much looking forward to the Bredfield Church Fete on Saturday 3rd June. Thank you to all of those who help to organise or contribute to this great event in any way. I look forward to seeing you and meeting you then.

And finally, as we each seek to 'Discover God and share the love of Jesus', my prayer for you is:

"that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God". (Philippians 1:9-11)

With my prayers and every blessing,

Charles Trefusis
Rector

DIARY DATES

BREDFIELD CHURCH FETE 2023

Yes, we are organising Bredfield Church Fete again this year. Even the Royal Family is helping us again by building a sense of excitement and celebration as we prepare for the “king” of all garden fetes.

As ever the wonderful grounds of the Old Rectory will be open to welcome people from far and wide to enjoy the usual huge range of attractions.

We aim to run over 40 stalls and games all of which need prizes or goods to sell. So, over the next few weeks do please think of us before discarding anything. We need **clothes, soft furnishings, toys, hats, jewellery, bric-a-brac, plants, small items of furniture, antiques, tools, books.....** Remember one person's cast off is another's treasure.

We particularly need **designer clothing** for the Bredfield Boutique and **fresh cakes, buns and tarts** for the cake stall and of course the tea room!

It is a great help to have (or know about) donations in advance and you can deliver to Andrew at Pond Place or phone him for collection on 01394 383156.

In the two weeks leading up to the fete, volunteers will call on every household collecting for the **Tombolas** and selling tickets for the **Grand Draw** at £1 each.

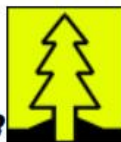
Finally, as you can imagine, it is a major task to shift, sort and then set up, all that is needed for this event. It is then repeated in reverse to put it all away! Help with this is desperately needed! Please contact Andrew.

As always, the success of the fete depends on the support and generosity of the whole community. Thank you all in anticipation,

Andrew Miller



PLOMESGATE CYCLING CLUB



PRESENT

GRASS TRACK IN EAST SUFFOLK

Bredfield Village Hall field, nr Woodbridge



Sunday, 2nd July 2023

Open to Adult, Junior and youth riders (inc U12) on fixed wheel bikes.

**Includes
National Short Distance League event
and
Men's 8km National Championship**

Sponsored by Adnams Brewery & Jewsons Building Supplies

Entry via British Cycling website.

There will also be events on 'normal' bikes for Under 12's from the village. Do come along with your own bike and have a race! Free entry! The village hall will be selling drinks, cakes and ice-cream.

BEEN OUT ON THE BIKE YET THIS SUMMER?

Or is walking more your thing?

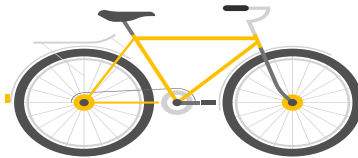
If so do consider the

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored

Ride and Stride

Saturday 9th September

Time: 9am – 5pm



Choose: your own route from a long-distance challenge to a pleasant rural amble to as many churches and chapels as you wish. A warm welcome and refreshments available.

Started in Suffolk in 1982, this event is now held in at least 33 counties including those adjoining Suffolk. Cyclists and walkers may cross county boundaries and their sponsor forms will be signed in the same way.

**Information and forms from Anne Ackerley (01394
384805)**

GO ON – GIVE IT A GO!

Suffolk Saints Pilgrimages (8-10 May, 3-7 July)

Watched 'Pilgrimage' on BBC2 and wondered what it would be like? Enjoy walking with a purpose? Want time to reflect – perhaps, on life changes? Want to make new friends?

There are two opportunities to join special pilgrimages to follow in the footsteps of Suffolk Saints. The 3-day Saint Felix pilgrimage in May begins in Felixstowe. The 5-day St Botolph pilgrimage in July starts in Dunwich (and goes through Bredfield on 5 July)! Both finish at Saint Edmundsbury Cathedral.

To find out more visit the Cathedral website at

<https://stedscathedral.org/pilgrimage/>

BREDFIELD TOWNLANDS CHARITY

A small charity, Bredfield Town Lands, originally established as a church charity in the early nineteenth century, exists in the parish. There are five trustees, drawn from people in the village.

The original purpose was to support the poor of the village and was administered by the Vicar and Churchwardens. Today the charity has a wider remit to allow grants to projects which will be for the benefit of the people of the village. This has meant that in the recent past, we have supported several local projects, particularly the village hall, with financial contributions to help them achieve their aim. We still have the original remit, to support people living in the parish of Bredfield who are in need, hardship, or distress.

For more information about the trust and the criteria for obtaining a grant, contact David Hepper 01394 386565

NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

The Coronation

Coronation Celebrations – Ringing for the King

St Andrew's bellringers took part in the Coronation Celebrations on Saturday 6 May, joining about 100 other friends and neighbours to watch the ceremony from Westminster Abbey on the big screen in the Village Hall. At the end of the service, as King Charles and Queen Camilla reached the West Door of Westminster Abbey to begin their triumphal procession back to Buckingham Palace, the ten bells of the Abbey began to peal out, and this was the cue for our ringers to dash over to St Andrew's and proclaim the fact to Bredfield.

We couldn't hope to emulate the Abbey ringers, who launched into a peal of 5040 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal lasting 3 hours and 23 minutes. Here in Bredfield, eleven of us rang the changes called "Kings and Queens", then Plain Hunt Minor and Plain Bob Doubles, for about half an hour, joining over 4500 other bands of ringers around the world to commemorate the Coronation by Ringing for the King.

Bredfield's ringers were: Trevor Boyd, Chris Woods, Yvonne Woods, Ann Pilgrim, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Steventon, Terry Smith, Vince Buckman, Shirley Hovell, Iain Whyte and Mike Pilgrim

Some of us learnt to ring as teenagers, more years ago than we care to admit, but Chris, Yvonne, Elizabeth and Terry only started learning last year, when we started up again after Covid. Well done everybody!

We then returned to the Village Hall to join in a sumptuous Bring and Share lunch, and spend the afternoon chatting to friends and neighbours.

We rang again on Sunday morning, for the special Coronation Celebration service at St Andrew's.

Ann Pilgrim



Photo by Ann Pilgrim

Beating the Bounds Walk 2023

It is 20 years since the tradition of Beating the Bounds in Bredfield was revived and it was great to continue this annual walk with a record number of 32 walkers from both Bredfield and Woodbridge.

In the days before maps, it was the custom for Parishioners to walk the Parish boundaries at Rogationtide to ensure that all knew where the boundary lay and to make repairs as necessary. Rogationtide is the days leading up to Ascension Day (this year May 18th) and comes from the latin 'rogare' meaning 'to ask' as it was the custom to ask God's blessing on the crops and livestock and on all who tend these.

This year, the clouds lifted and we enjoyed a sunny 4-mile walk out to, then along, the Parish boundary adjoining Hasketon and Boulge, stopping along the way at points of interest before heading back to St Andrew's Churchyard for a welcome cup of tea and cake.

My thanks go to Roger for 'back marking' and Janie for helping with the teas.

Anne Ackerley



Charles helping to serve the tea and cake!



BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE

The Bredfield Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. The Prayer Circle operates in confidence. It does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you. If you are in need of prayer, or praying yourself, and would like the prayer of others please contact Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

Want to know what's happening in the village? Check out the website
<http://bredfield.onesuffolk.net>

For regular info updates- join our MailChimp email group. Email Anne Henderson - henny@dircon.co.uk and she will add you to the MailChimp list

**Want to know about the Village Hall and Bredfield Wildlife Friendly Village – check out <https://www.bredfieldvillagehall.org.uk>
<https://bredfieldwfv.org.uk>**

100 Club Winners

1st Prize	No. 21 K. Harnden
2nd Prize	No. 30 L. Wiggins

****IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE LANTERN****

The next issue of the Lantern will be a single issue to cover both July and August. So, if you have anything you would like to submit for August, please make sure you send it to lantern.bredfield@gmail.com by 15th JUNE (NOT July!). Thank you!

Update: We Live Here: Bredfield – Spring Photo Project: “I live here: my first year and now”

I am very grateful to the sixteen Bredfield residents – past and current – who have kindly contributed their photos and stories to this project, which will be published on the Bredfield Village website during April. We are proud, curious and keen to share! I hope the stories are of interest to many.

In addition, Kath and Sheila Woods generously gave their time to wrack their brains for memories of Bredfield past, for a piece entitled “An hour with.....” This piece includes their recollections of arriving in their respective homes in Bredfield, so only their photos are shown on the summary of the photo project.

Now onto the Summer photo project! If you have any suggestions for a theme please drop a line to Welivehere.Bredfield@gmail.com

Some options so far are:

- Our buildings: the purpose of the buildings to us now and what we know about how that has changed.
- Bredfield is like.....the characteristics of our community – now, and how this has changed.
- Hidden Bredfield – what is known and unknown to us about Bredfield now and in the past?
- Creative Bredfield – the roles, skills, enterprise, leisure and craft activities across the village – now and before
- What is missed and would be missed....
- The humour in our village
- Our relationship with other local village communities

Also if you would like to feature in the next “An hour with.....” for publication in May, again please contact me through Welivehere.Bredfield@gmail.com

Many thanks, *Julie Crabb*



This year I thought the Bredfield Church Fete deserved a window display all its own, but I did not want it to be set in daytime, because the actual Church Fete covers that aspect perfectly. Therefore to add a bit of drama, the display is supposed to symbolise night time, when the British wildlife and animals begin to explore the strange temporary environment left after the hustling and bustling Church Fete.

The Fox and Badger take advantage of the remaining crumbs from the Cake Stall. The Black Labrador Retriever has a go on the Hook-A-Duck game (minus the official Fishing Rod of course!). The Hedgehog is enticed by the lantern light while the Rabbits are equally curious of the Coconut Shy... not being aware of the watchful Owl atop one of the poles! And for those keen of eye, they can perhaps spot the cheeky Squirrel awaiting its opportunity to take and bury these gigantic nuts for the Winter larder!

The Fate of Fetes? Originally the word fete came from the French fête, meaning 'Holiday' or 'Festival' and seems to be quite a modern event,

compared with the traditional Fairs founded in the Middle Ages. Although the early Fetes possibly grew out of 'sales of work' where the ladies of the parish made items to be sold for charitable causes, such as war veterans or orphans. Officially the heyday of the Fete is attributed to the 1950's when it featured heavily in contemporary works of fiction, interest declining during the 70's-80's and now making a comeback; mainly for residents to strengthen their sense of community and charitable fundraising. In fact, there is a specific delineation between Church and Village Fetes. The Village Fete being usually held on a Village Green or Open Community Area and raising money for the benefit of the community or other local cause. The Church Fete, like its title, is concerned with raising money for the Church and usually held either on Church Grounds or at the Vicarage. Well, Bredfield Church Fete certainly falls into the latter definition with its generous Vicarage host, garden area and traditional games/stalls!

Talking of traditional games, you might be curious about the history of the Coconut Shy like myself? Again it seems history is a little undecided on who has the claim to the game; The Showmans Guild quote describes the coconut shies beginning at the Cambridge Midsummer Fair with cockerels as the targets rather than coconuts – *a somewhat disturbing practice, especially for the cockerels!* The Surrey Comet Newspaper wrote an article "for the small sum of one penny, you could have three throws with sticks with the prospect of getting a cocoa nut..." at the 'Pleasure Fair' in Kingston Upon Thames 1867 (the Fair taking place of course conveniently near a commercial coconut fibre mill). And finally, The National Fairground Archive Coconut Shy photographed in 1890.

By the way... the word "shy" in this context means to toss or throw and although websites state that in late 19th - early 20th Century coconuts were seen as an exotic prize – I get the impression they still are, so partially the reason the dear old Coconut Shy is being less played today.

Lindsay

Father, Mother, God by Maya Angelou

Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence
during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have
with those who have less.

And thank you for your presence
during the Holy Days, for then we are
able to celebrate you and our families
and our friends.

For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love
out in waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them in
the river of your healing.

For those who are lonely,
we ask you to keep them company.

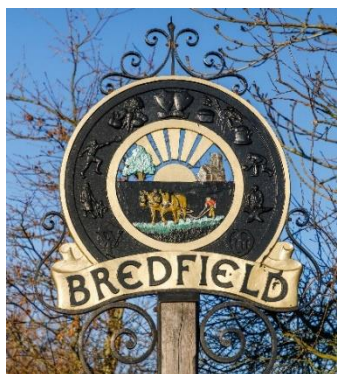
For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless
sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the
world that which we need the most - Peace.

(Suggested by Anne Henderson)

June/July Services at St. Andrew's

Sunday 4th June	Holy Communion 'What it means to be <u>prayerful</u> as a church'	9.15am
Sunday 11th June	Service of the Word 'What it means to be <u>community focused</u> as a church'	9.15am
Sunday 18th June	Holy Communion 'What it means to growing in faith as a church'	9.15am
Sunday 25th June	Service of the Word With a talk by Christians Against Poverty	9.15am
Sunday 2nd July	Holy Communion 'Praying, Trusting and rejoicing'	9.15am
Sunday 9th July	Service of the Word 'Holiness: the God who is holy'	9.15am
Sunday 16th July	Holy Communion 'Holiness: don't look back'	9.15am
Sunday 23rd July	Service of the Word 'Holiness: His work or ours?'	9.15am
Sunday 30th July	TBA	9.15am



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CHURCHWARDENS: Stephen Stammers and Paul Cannard

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