

**MONKS ELEIGH with CHELSWORTH  
and BRENT ELEIGH with MILDEN and KETTLEBASTON**

**Please contact churchwardens for help or information**

Services in March and early April 2019

Sunday 3rd Rev. Paul Tyler	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Kettlebaston
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Ann Perry	10.00 am	Prayers and Reflections	Monks Eleigh
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Rev. Stephen Mitchell	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Monks Eleigh In place of Chelsworth
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Rev. Gerald Drew	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Milden
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Rev. Elke Cattermole	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Brent Eleigh
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Rev. Paul Tyler	10.15 am	Family Communion Mothering Sunday	Kettlebaston
April 7th Very Rev. Philp Buckler	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Monks Eleigh

**WEEKDAYS**

10 am at Monks Eleigh – Prayers and Reflections

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH – MONKS ELEIGH		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	3 pm	Colin Wright

**BENEFICE NEWS**

*Diary of events in and for the Benefice*

**March**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 2-3 pm Women's World Day of Prayer  
at All Hallows, Ipswich..The induction of Revd.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm Carol in her new post  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm Jigsaw Fest at Monks Eleigh Village Hall

**April**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Gordon Pullin with his Bristol Choir at  
Kettlebaston

**May**

Bank Holiday weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Festival of Flowers & Crafts at St Mary's Brent  
Eleigh

**June**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Monks Eleigh Summer Fete and Dog Show  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens Day at Chelsworth

**July**

6<sup>th</sup> Milden Fete

**Mobile Library**

The next visit will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Chelsworth:	Peacock	9.45 am – 10.00 am
	Playing Field	10.05 am – 10.20 am
Monks Eleigh:	The Green	10.25 am – 10.50 am
Brent Eleigh:	Village Hall	10.55 am – 11.15 am
Kettlebaston:	Village Hall	11.25 am – 11.40 am

**Lent Charity Lunches**

The dates and charities of our Lent Lunches for this year are:

Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Chelsworth, in aid of Ipswich Homeless (Selig)
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Milden, in aid of the Ipswich Night Shelter
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Brent Eleigh in aid of the Bishop's Kagera Appeal
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Monks Eleigh in aid of Brain Tumour Research
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Kettlebaston. In aid of the Bishop's Kagera Appeal

**To all the Benefice – a message from Carol**

Dear Friends in the Monks Eleigh Benefice,  
I hardly know how to begin to thank you for so kind and generous a farewell  
lunch and beautiful gifts. The financial gift I will put towards a new camera lens I  
have ben admiring.....but not yet purchased. So thank you. The magnificent  
illustrated Gospels is so precious to me, and something I will always treasure.  
The new oil stocks are just what I needed, as you know, and the cat doorstep  
will always make me smile.  
Forever friends. Carol xx

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And now, our Chelsworth news:

**The end of an era –**

What a joyous occasion the celebration of Rev. Carol's ministry proved to be.  
She was overwhelmed with her gifts  
Her induction at All Hallows Church in Ipswich is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30  
pm. (Later than originally planned)

And now we have the Interregnum, usually quite a few months. The PCCs of the Benefice will be discussing this on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, and shall pass all your views on to the Archdeacon.

### **Electoral Roll**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Electoral Roll form so far. It is so reassuring to know that we have your support. The closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **The Taylor Review and the Porch Roof**

Work on stripping out the electrics and mending the Porch Roof started on 25<sup>th</sup> February, so, with scaffolding up, the church will have to be locked when the builders have finished for the day. Last month, we had a photo of the old cross which had started to collapse and fall down.



Now – a picture of our new porch cross made by Paul Ellis, stonemason of Lincoln cathedral. It is an exact copy - you can just see the remains of the old one in the background. He has now signed and dated it. Isn't it beautiful?

### **Services**

As I told you last month, while we have no electricity in the church, we shall be 'borrowing' Monks Eleigh church, and having our services there. The first of these will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, when Revd. Stephen Mitchell from Sudbury will be presiding.

### **Lent Charity Lunch**

Our Lent Lunch will be at the Village Hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, from 12.30 to 2 pm. Those of you who have been before will know that these are not 'Hunger Lunches', but a delicious selection of home-made soups, and biscuits and cheese etc.

To make it easier for everyone, and so that the jobs are spread out, I am attaching a sheet with all that needs to be done. If you are able to help with any of these, please let me know as soon as possible. 01449 740438 [parochialchurch@chelsworth.org.uk](mailto:parochialchurch@chelsworth.org.uk). We shall be supporting 'Selig' the charity for the homeless in Ipswich. 'Hope into Action' is a continuation of

the 'Winter Night Shelter', which we supported at Christmastime. So, please come along, and bring your friends.

### **Margaret Loxam**

We were all saddened to hear of Margaret's death. Although in a home in Bury St. Edmunds for the last six years, Margret had lived at Riverside with her husband, Mick, for many years. After Mick's death, she carried on at Riverside for as long as she could. Always on the go, we shall never forget her unfailing commitment to cleaning the church every Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. You could put your clock right when you saw her hurrying past! Because the builders will be in the church, we shall be holding the funeral service at Monks Eleigh church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon, and then coming back to Chelsworth for the burial. Revd Christopher Robinson from Rattlesden will be presiding at the service.

### **Open Gardens Day**

Two attachments today – Lent Lunch and Open Gardens Day Tick List  
At the moment, we have two venues for Refreshments, Oak Tree Cottage and Princetts. If anyone else would be willing to serve refreshments, or be responsible for refreshments in the Village Hall – please let me know.  
The following people will be responsible for:

Advertising – Sheila Harvey

Signs – John Lowen

Refreshments – Janet Gooding and Olga Lancaster

Posters and Programme – Christine Julian

Logistics – Paul Armitage

Raffle – Lizzie Howarth and Angela Ellis

Stalls – anyone willing to take this on?

Car Park rota – David Bowen

Produce Stall – Sarah Kelsey and Dain Keating

Finally – **Roundabout!** Yes – it is coming back – in April.

I had a phone call from Caroline Hurt from Semer, who is one of the group who are starting Roundabout up again. Hitcham have opted out, as they are with Rattlesden. Bildeston have also opted out as they have the Bugle. It will be on the same lines as before and the advertisers are all in place. They want to print enough for everyone in each village, and it will be free for everyone.

Alison