



SEPTEMBER 2022

4 th September	10.00am	Benefice Service: St John's, Saxmundham
10 th September	9.30am	SHCT Ride and Stride, with Benefice walk starting at Kelsale Methodist Chapel
11 th September	9.30am 11.00am	Family Service: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham
16 th September	7.00pm	Benefice Harvest Supper: Kelsale Village Hall (see overleaf)
18 th September	9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham Harvest Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale BCP Holy Communion: St Peter's, Carlton
24 th September	7.00pm	Concert <i>Five in a Bar</i> : St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale (see overleaf)
25 th September	9.30am 11.00am	SKC All In Worship: St John's, Saxmundham Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham

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2 nd October	9.30am 11.00am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
8 th October	6.00pm	<i>Tower Power</i> : Friends of St Mary & St Peter's meeting in Kelsale church (see overleaf)
9 th October	10.00am 11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham followed by EPCM: St John's, Saxmundham followed by lunch
16 th October	9.30am 11.00am	Informal Worship: St John's, Saxmundham Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
23 rd October	9.30am 11.00am	SKC All In Worship: St John's, Saxmundham Holy Communion: St John's, Saxmundham
30 th October	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale

I love living really close to farmers' fields. It has given me a deeper appreciation of the agricultural year. My family and I have discussed the various activities that must be undertaken to prepare a field for crops, we've wandered through the initial shoots of crops (keeping to public footpaths), and we have watched with wonder as these shoots have grown and grown until harvesting.

Autumn is the traditional time to hold Harvest Festivals in churches and schools and this year is no different. We will spend time thanking God for the provision of food and give thanks for those involved in food production from field to plate. Harvest-time is also an opportunity for us to think of those less fortunate than us and to share what we have with them.

Did you know that in the Bible there were in fact three harvest festivals? They are associated with barley, wheat, and grapes and would occur in Spring, at the start of the harvesting season and at the end of the harvest. There are various writings in the Old Testament (the first section of the Bible) about these including Exodus 23:14-19. Each of these festivals was an opportunity to show thanks and appreciation for God's provision that year. The people were commanded to set aside money and crops to have a huge party too (see Deuteronomy 14:22-29).

There was a lot of partying and feasting in the Bible!

As we enter Autumn, I wonder what you are thankful for? What are the good things in your life that you can celebrate?

As a church we will gather to celebrate the Harvest festival but we also gather each week to celebrate the love of God that he shows us through Jesus. We would love to celebrate with you.

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Harvest Weekend

Ride & Stride

On Saturday 10th September the annual SHCT Ride & Stride around Suffolk churches and places of worship will take place. If you'd like to take part and raise money for your local church, please contact David May (602113), Nigel Pite (604758) or Fran Raven (602907) for more information and sponsorship forms.

Five in a Bar

Five in a Bar, who are a local A Capella group based in Snape, will be holding a concert in St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale in aid of the upkeep of the church. Admission is £10, and refreshments are included. Do please come along and support this group and your local church.

Friends of St Mary & St Peter, Kelsale (Tower Power)

On Saturday 8th October we invite all those who have joined the Friends of St Mary & St Peter, Kelsale to join us for about an hour to discuss ways we can help with the upkeep of the church building. We shall start the evening at 6.00pm with some bubbly and nibbles, and then have a short meeting where we hope to be able to formalise what needs to be done to enable us to look after the fabric of the building. There will be people present who should be able to answer any queries you may have as well.