

Psalm 34:3 'Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.'

Dear Friends,

It is indeed wonderful when we come together to exalt the name of the Lord, to give thanks, to pray and to encourage one another. We have exciting news!

This May in the Mattishall and Tudd Valley we have not one but two benefice services as well as a quiet morning.

You are all invited!

Invitation 1

Evening Prayer for Rogation Sunday incorporating the Parker Sermon.

All Saints Mattishall

22nd May 2022

6pm

Rogation Sunday. A Sunday when, for many years All Saints Mattishall has upheld the tradition of the Parker Sermon.

For those like me who are new to this tradition here is the lowdown:



Matthew Parker (1504-1575), Archbishop of Canterbury and Norfolk Born became increasingly concerned about the spiritual state of the Norfolk Clergy and so established a series of 4 annual sermons with the object of their spiritual improvement. Although the original need has gone, the series has continued with an annual sermon given on Rogation Sunday in Thetford and Mattishall by an appointee of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge with the purpose of education and edification.

This year Rogation Sunday falls on May 22nd We will be holding a service of Evening Prayer where we are delighted to welcome Revd Dr Michael Volland to be our preacher.

Michael has been the Principle of Ridley Hall in Cambridge since 2017. Before this he served on the Ridley staff team as Tutor in Pioneering and Context-Based Training. In this role he delivered and developed Ridley's training for lay and ordained pioneers and worked closely with colleagues on the conception and implementation of Ridley's Department of Lay Training and Formation, an innovative and rapidly growing facet of the College.



Before coming to Cambridge in 2015, Michael was Director of Mission at Cranmer Hall, Missioner to the East Durham Mission Project; a group of nine parishes in the east of the Diocese of Durham, and Acting Area Dean of Easington.

Prior to his ministry in Durham, Michael spent three years on the staff of Gloucester Cathedral, during which time he pioneered and led a fresh expression of church in the city

centre. Before ordination training, he spent six years engaged in parish-based youth ministry.

Michael has led a number of mission teams to Newquay in Cornwall and also spent a number of years on the worship planning team for Greenbelt Festival. He has previously held a commission in the Royal Army Chaplains Department (RACHD) and served as chaplain to Durham Army Cadet Force.

Michael is married and he and his wife have three children. He has been a member of Christian Surfers UK for over twenty-five years. He enjoys running and regularly competes in road marathons and ultra-distance trail races around the United Kingdom.


It would be lovely to get as many people as possible along to hear Michael preach so do put the date in your diary. Please pray for him as he prepares for this visit.

If you are able to read or lead intercessions, it would be wonderful to hear from you.

	<p>Invitation 2</p> <p>Quiet Morning</p> <p>All Saints Church Mattishall</p> <p>Saturday 28th May 2022</p> <p>10am -12.30pm</p>
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Come as you are for the whole morning or just for a short while.

There will be reflective spaces, a Prayer path or just come along and be still.

<p>Invitation 3</p> <p>Morning Worship with Holy Baptism</p> <p>St Peters Yaxham</p> <p>Sunday 29th May 2022</p> <p>10am</p>	
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We will be joining together for a service of Morning Worship with Holy Baptism at St Peters Yaxham where we will be welcoming and Baptising Sophia and Frederick Richardson (age 1). The family live in East Tuddenham and mum Annika was confirmed back in March. (If you haven't already you can read all about it in the Easter booklet.)

It would be wonderful to have as many people as possible; from across the Benefice to support this occasion and share in this celebration of faith and family life.

If you are able to read, lead intercessions or help make cakes and/ or serve refreshments please can you let me know.

Come along to any or all these events, invite a friend. Share together in the joy and hope that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally on a personal note



Thank you to all of you who have prayed for Tim and I particularly in the last year as we have said goodbye to both our Dads and have prayed for my brother following his Cancer diagnosis. His Chemotherapy has been intense but at the half- way mark his tumour had shrunk by 50% and looks on course to be destroyed completely. We praise God for Peters healing and continue to pray for him and his family.

As you may be aware my 3 years as Assistant Curate is coming to it's final conclusion, I'm not sure how that happened so quickly! My final portfolio has been handed in and I am due to be signed off shortly.

I have no idea yet; quite when we will be leaving or where we will be going although we would like to stay in the Diocese and sense that God is calling us to work in Rural ministry. I also hope that my Ministry and Mission will include work with Children and Families on some level. The next few months will be both exciting and a wee bit scary but we step out in faith with the everlasting arms of God underneath us, with Christ beside us and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I would value your prayers as I meet with Michael Fox, Diocesan Director of Ordinands this Friday May 13th at 10am and with Bishop Jane on Thursday 19th May at 2pm.

I look forward to seeing you at our Benefice services on the 22nd and 29th May and at the Quiet Day on the 28th May

With every blessing

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