

Services at the Parish Church

Sundays	8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
Thursdays	10.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)	3rd Sunday	10.00 am All Age Eucharist

St Andrew's Church is Recruiting: Freelance Heritage Project Co-ordinator

Fixed-term 7-month contract starting November 2018 in the first instance.

2 days per week at a daily rate equivalent to £25,000 per annum pro rata.



St Andrew's Church, Soham is seeking a Heritage Project Co-ordinator with experience of community activities and events in a museum, heritage or local community setting. The Heritage Project Co-ordinator will co-ordinate, deliver and evaluate St Andrew's Church's 'Keeping the water out and bringing the community in' community engagement project and associated repair work. This project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and aims to complete the first phase of a large programme of urgent repairs to the church building. We are looking for an enthusiastic person to help us tell the church's story to inspire new generations and bring the church's rich history and hidden glories to a wider audience.

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The successful candidate will have strong planning, communication and administrative skills and a passion and commitment to the role of heritage within the local area. Experience of working with families and children is preferable but not essential.

Application deadline: Monday 8 October 2018.

Proposed interview date: Wednesday 17 October 2018.

For more information visit www.sohamandwicken.org.uk or contact the Revd Eleanor Whalley on 01353 725948 sohamvicar@gmail.com

Harvest Festival



St Andrew's Church will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 7th October. As part of our thanksgiving we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried food for the Foodbank. If you would like to bring something, they are short of long life orange juice, coffee, soup, tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables, tinned or cartoned puddings. They have rather a lot of beans and pasta at the moment!

Little Fishes

Little Fishes is returning to St Andrew's Church this month after a break but will now be a monthly event rather than weekly. All babies & pre-school children are welcome with their grown-ups. Singing, sticking, snacks & chat on the second Tuesday of the month from 1pm – 2.30pm. Dates for this term are 9 October., 13 November. & 11 December.

Fun for All Hallows' Eve



children. All welcome! Come dressed up as your favourite goodie or baddie if you want to.

One of our seasonal drop-in sessions for children: Wednesday 31 October, drop in from 3.15 - 5pm. Crafts, snacks, simple games & seasonal fun. Adults stay in church with their



Soham Remembers

*A Festival of Remembrance organised by Soham's churches,
Soham Knit & Knatter, Soham Branch Royal British Legion, Soham Town Council &
Soham Heritage & Tourism*

A Patriotic Concert

with Soham Comrades Band

A chance to wave flags and sing!

Saturday 3 Nov., 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church

Tickets £5 (£2.50 for children) from 01353 721920

We Will Remember Them

*An exhibition of knitted poppies, flower arrangements & historical material
at St Andrew's Church*

Exhibition viewing times

(light refreshments available each day)

Saturday 3 November 11am - 4pm

Sundays 4 & 11 November 2pm - 4pm

Monday 5 to Saturday 10 November 11am - 4pm

The exhibition will continue until Sunday 18 November

Remembrance Sunday

10.55am

Act of Remembrance at Soham War Memorial

11.40am

Service of Remembrance at St Andrew's Church

7pm

Lighting of a beacon on Soham Rec., & bell-ringing

*An Act of Remembrance will also take place in St Andrew's Church
at 10.55am for those unable to stand at the War Memorial*

St Andrew's Church is receiving funds in support of Soham Remembers from The Heritage Lottery Fund



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- ☆ **Winners for the St Andrew's Church 200+Club** in September were: Andrew Fleet £5, Robert Webb £10, Maudie Manning £15, Molly Smith £25
- ☆ **Soham Museum Coffee Mornings** – First Saturday of each month at Soham Library, 10am – 12 noon. Bring along any items or photos of local historical interest you may have, or just join us for a chat and coffee, All welcome
- ☆ **Over 60s Club** meets at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground every Friday from 2-4pm.
- ☆ **Soham Sewcial** – meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month - Sewing Room - Soham Village College (use Lodeside reception entrance) 7 - 9pm, £3 each. Bring a project and a mug!
- ☆ **Coffee Morning at the Pavilion**, Tuesdays from 9-11am. Open to all.
- ☆ **Soham, The Fen and Barway WI** meet on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm at Millbrook House in the coffee lounge.
- ☆ **Twilight Tuesday WI** meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Fountain Inn, Soham at 7.30pm.
- ☆ **Soham Phoenix Club** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 9.30-11.30 at The Causeway Community Room, Soham. Each month we have a speaker, raffle, refreshments and a warm welcome. All for £2
- ☆ **Items for the November edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Wednesday 17th October. Please send material to aly-evans@hotmail.com

Viva Shows

Goodnight Mister Tom: Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 October at 7.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. At the Performing Arts Centre, Soham Village College. Tickets £12.50 / £11.50 for over 60s / £10.50 under 12s. (Age guidance: for over 9's)

Fiddler on the Roof: Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd November at 7.30pm (no matinee) at Granary Barns, 1 Parsonage Farm Lane, Woodditton, Newmarket CB8 9RZ

To book your tickets and read more about the two shows please visit

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/viva-arts>

Telephone bookings please call 0333 666 33 66

viva!
arts & community group

Soham Repair Café

Do you have something that needs fixing? Be it jewellery, a lamp, ripped shirt or even a phone screen...then book it in at Soham Repair Cafe on 7th October and



our skilled volunteers will do their best to fix it for free (donations welcome). If the fixing needs something special

(like a replacement phone screen!) then you'll need to bring that with you. You can book in on-line or call Anwar on 07902 316088

Soham Winter Fayre

Soham Winter Fayre takes place this year on Friday 30th November from 6pm – 8.30pm. If you are a small business or community group and would like a stall for £15, please email jamieh@waitrose.com or message the Soham Winter Fayre Facebook page. Alternatively ring 01638 721534 and speak to Alison.

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PARISH REGISTERS



Baptisms

2 September

Freya Rainnie

Weddings

1 September

Taryn Brown and Chris Smith

29 September

Ami Henderson and Matthew Evans

Funerals

31 August

Marilyn Roberts

3 September

Govan Riley

21 September

Greta Howe

24 September

Dorothy Galbraith

27 September

Barrie Wright



A Councillor's Comments

At our September meeting there was no Public Comment Time, so the meeting commenced at 7.15pm, with reports from county and district councillors. The first item presented was the by-election caused by the county councillor resigning to join the Mayor's team. This will be held on the 4th October with four candidates contesting*.

A14 project: There was a report given on this by our new councillor and another meeting on this will be held in two months' time.

The opening of the Ely By-Pass: This was a question put to the District councillor. Late October was the answer. A question was also put about the route that will be taken by the public buses. No clear answer given except that the present railway crossing will be closed.

Policing in Soham: The chairman expressed concern about the lack of police presence in Soham. The reason given is because our crime level is low, and this may be due to some crimes not being reported. So people should be encouraged to report everything they see that is unlawful so that the crime figures show a true picture. Ring 111.

Adizone Equipment: we have spent a great deal of time and money in repairing the surface and equipment. There have been thoughts about moving the equipment to a more suitable place where it will have more usage. These Adizones were a government initiative presented to certain towns with the idea of giving the local people healthy exercises. These have been used but at times abused. We now have the opportunity to do what we like with this equipment. We could move it and make better use of the ground.

Millennium Signs. These signs were markers on the three different walks around Soham, the Red, Blue and Green Walks. These sign have been refurbished and will be replaced

Cemetery Regulations: The chairman of the cemetery and allotments has presented to the council his recommendation in dealing with the cemetery in the light of breaches to the rules. The council has now decided that the present situation stays as it is for the next five years before becoming a grassed grave space, but all new graves will need to comply with the rules as they stand.

Ten Bell Lane: The proposed double yellow lines either side of this road leading out onto the main road will not now be placed on the opposite roadside.

Soham Signs: The meeting was shown examples of the proposed Soham signs which will replace the existing ones in the same locations.

Eastern Gateway: "This Land", the people who are trying to get this project passed, are requesting another meeting with the council to consider their latest plans. A meeting is arranged for 3rd October at 7pm. Because their latest proposals do not allow vehicle access from the development into the town, I think we can no longer refer to it as the Eastern Gateway.

This Year's Remembrance Sunday marks the 100 years since the end of the First World War. This year the churches will be closed for morning worship, so people can gather round the War Memorial where most of the ceremony will take place before moving to the Parish Church. In the evening people are invited to the Recreation Ground at 7pm when James Pace has been invited to light a beacon.

Councillor Ginn

*Candidates are (in alphabetical order):

Victoria Charlesworth, Liberal Democrat; Mark Goldsack, Conservative; Lee Jinks, Labour; and Geoffrey Woollard, Independant

A View from the Vicarage



Bite-sized chunks

In the days when I had a proper job, one of my old bosses had two catch-phrases. As I told him not long ago, I've never forgotten them. The first has had its uses ('What's the worst that can happen?'); the second I think of almost every day: 'How do you eat an elephant?' The answer? 'In bite-sized chunks'.

At St Andrew's of late, we've encountered the odd elephant. Our forthcoming £1.5M restoration project is one of them. As I wrote in *Lodestar* a few months ago, the first step in that project – the first bite-sized chunk – is to unblock the building's drainage apron: gutters, downpipes and hoppers which are pretty much blocked solid with debris left behind by roosting pigeons. Hand in hand (/wing to wing?) with that goes installing devices to deter roosting birds.

Thanks to the success of our recent Heritage Lottery Fund bid (a bid which has brought in a tasty £74K of bite-sized chunk), this work should begin towards the end of November. What I'm struck by, though, typing as I do after a couple of hours spent cleaning up the churchyard this morning, is that not all chunks need professionals to chew them. As was the case this morning, a small team of volunteers can munch their way through a lot, enjoying 'table fellowship' along the way.

Our next churchyard clear-up will be on **Saturday 13 October from 10.30am until 12 noon**. If you'd like to join in, please just turn up. We worked like Trojans today, but it was an elephant we had before us for elevenses, not a muffin: there's plenty of weeding still to be done. If you can bring your own cutlery (secateurs, hoes, gardening gloves, trowels...) that would be helpful.

Elephant-eating apart, autumn is a good time for gardening. But we've a particular reason for wanting to spruce things up now. 'Soham Remembers' begins on Saturday 3 November, launched by an evening concert at St Andrew's. The church and

churchyard will be adorned with over 6000 knitted poppies, the fruits of months of devoted craftswomanship by the members of Soham Knit and Knatter and very many others (very many thanks if that includes you!). On Remembrance Sunday, St Andrew's Church will, as usual, host the town's Service of Remembrance following an extended Act of Remembrance at the war memorial which this year will take place at 11am. On the Sunday in between – All Saints' Sunday, 4 November – the Bishop of Ely, the Right Reverend Stephen Conway will be with us to preside and preach at our 10am Sung Eucharist.

Whatever your eating habits, come and join in with what you'd like to. *Eleanor*

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St Andrew's Churchyard Clear-up



**Saturday 13 October
10.30am - 12 noon
All welcome!**

Please bring your own tools