

Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls – 2021
aka RedBRick Church

We have come through the COVID-19 challenge! We thank God for His love and help, and are looking forward to 2022. Church services were reduced to Zoom meetings, then meeting in person with masks on all the time, then singing our hymn outside before going inside at All Saints, Redgrave, again masked. We're almost back to normal. We have introduced a Family Breakfast Church for all ages, from toddlers to those more advanced in years (complete with Continental-style breakfast) in Botesdale Village Hall (9.30-10.30am) on the 4th Sunday of the month, with games and activities for children, and a 15 minute 'God Slot'. Then at 11am we have Holy Communion at the Chapel of Ease, Botesdale. All the services and events are on the back page of the Parish Magazine, and you would be very welcome to join us.

We now have a Children's and Families' Co-ordinator, Mrs Mel Ramos, working with us. Do read her monthly slot in the Parish Magazine. Mel has been helping Kev Gladwell, Parkview Chapel, at the Friday night youth evenings, and she and her husband have a monthly evening youth group in Diss, once their young children have gone to bed.

As a church, we pray for God's help in all sorts of situations: healing, comfort, situations around the world, and personal problems, to name but a few. If you would like prayer for yourself, please contact Revd Chris Norburn (01379 898685) or email revchris@rbrchurch.org.uk

During August we had an Art Exhibition in St Mary's, Rickinghall, attracting local artists and craftspeople. It was very popular, and worth all the hard work taking out the pews (and returning them), setting up stands on which to hang pictures, and being aware of COVID restrictions. We celebrated Harvest at the same church, and our gifts of non-perishable goods were delivered to the Waveney Food Bank. We also have regular collections of goods and money that are given to the Waveney Food Bank, as sadly the need increases. We had our Advent Coffee Morning at the end of November, again in St Mary's, Rickinghall, and enjoyed a morning of peace, refreshments, and buying bits and pieces. We had a baking competition and children from St Botolph's Primary School brought their amazing entries to be judged. It was lovely seeing so many children and their parents in the church enjoying themselves.

Our Church website is: www.rbrchurch.org.uk

Frances Lamb, PCC Secretary