

Dec 2024	Sunday 1st Advent Sunday	Sunday 8th Advent 2	Sunday 15th Advent 3	Sunday 22nd Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Athelington	4pm EG Advent Carol Service			6pm EG Crib Service		
Denham				11am EG Carol Service		11am JM CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	4pm JM Carol Service	11.30pm JM Midnight Service	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am EG for 10am Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	11am JM CW Holy Communion		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion				9.30am RC CW Holy Communion
Syleham		4pm ML+team Messy Church Christmas Party, Vill Hall	10am ML Village Service	11.15am ML Carol Service		10am ML Christmas Celebration
Wingfield	11am JM Patronal Service		4pm JM Carols by Candlelight		4pm EG Crib Service	11am EG CW Holy Communion

Sunday 29th Dec, 11am, Benefice Communion at Wingfield

On the rotas.... EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis

Online Services

Every Saturday and Sunday:

Morning Prayer on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch, 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm.

For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Church contacts

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Horham: St Mary	David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216
Redlingfield: St Andrew	Hazel Abbott 01379 678217
Syleham: St Margaret	Mary Lewis 01379 669258, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew	Peter Demetriadi 01379 586231



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

December 2024 News



O now carry me to Bethlehem

It's that time of year again, (although if you go by the shops it has been Christmas since some time in September). The church starts looking forward to Christmas on Advent Sunday, which neatly falls on 1st December this year. But the emphasis is on preparation, making our hearts and souls ready to receive the infant Christ. To that end we will have a special Advent Bible Study on Tuesday 17th December. (Contact me if you would like more details). Prayerful preparation will help us to experience some of the amazement and wonder, the awe, which the original witnesses to the incarnation of our God must have felt. Our hope is to be carried in spirit to Bethlehem and that momentous birth.

Nevertheless, we shall be rejoicing as we look forward with our usual packed programme of carol services and crib services (details in this newsletter), as well as fun events like the Messy Church Christmas party (8th December) and the Youth Café Christmas session (13th December). And when Christmas comes we will of course have a full schedule of services, including the always popular Midnight Service at Horham, as usual.

As you celebrate with family and friends, please don't forget those who may be on their own or who feel they don't have anything to celebrate. Jesus came to bring the love of God to earth. Let's share it with each other this Christmas time. Have a very joyful Christmas, when it comes, and a peaceful New Year!

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday. If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

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NB: there are lots of changes to our usual pattern of services – please check the rota on the back page.

Wednesday 4th

The **Winter Coffee Morning** at Redlingfield will be held at Bright Thinken, Church Road, IP23 7QS from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee, cake and a natter.

Friday 6th

We will be singing Advent hymns and saying prayers at **The Depperhaugh** at 2.30pm. Additional singers are always welcome.

Sunday 8th

One week later than usual, **Messy Church** meets for our **Christmas party** at 4pm at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. For children aged 3-7 with parents or carers and siblings. All welcome, but please let us know you are coming if you can, for catering purposes.

Tuesday 10th

Coffee and cake. Drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat.

Saturdays 14th to 28th

Our **Christmas Tree Festival** at Hoxne church will be open every day 10am to 4pm. The church will be filled with Christmas trees decorated in all sorts of styles. Entry is free. Donations invited.

Wednesday 11th

The **Book Club** meets at The Swan in Hoxne at 5pm. Contact Revd Eleanor for further details.

Christmas Carol and Crib Services

Sunday 1st Dec	4pm at Athelington church:	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 8th Dec	4pm at Syleham/Wingfield Village Hall:	Messy Church Christmas party
Wednesday 11th Dec	10am at Hoxne church:	Little Lambs Crib Service
Sunday 15th Dec	4pm at Wingfield church:	Carols by Candlelight
Monday 16th Dec	6pm at Hoxne church:	Carol Service with the Village Voices
Wednesday 18th Dec	6pm at Redlingfield church:	Carol Service
Friday 20th Dec	11am at The Depperhaugh:	Christmas Service
Sunday 22nd Dec	11am at Denham church:	Carol Service
Sunday 22nd Dec	11.15am at Syleham church:	Carol Service with Adrian Knott and friends
Sunday 22nd Dec	4pm at Horham church:	Carol Service
Sunday 22nd Dec	6pm at Athelington church:	Crib Service
Monday 23rd Dec	2.30pm at The Depperhaugh:	Carol singing
Tuesday 24th Dec	4pm at Wingfield church:	Crib Service

Friday 13th

The **Youth Café** will meet at Hoxne Pavilion from 7 to 9pm for a Christmas celebration. For everyone in school years 7-11.

Sunday 15th There will be a mini **Everything Christmassy** church stall at Wingfield church's 4pm Carols by Candlelight Service.

Tuesday 17th

A special meeting of the **Bible Study Group** for Advent at 7.30pm on Zoom. Contact Revd Eleanor if you would like to join in. We are very informal and no preparation is required.

Tuesday 17th

Winter Coffee Morning at Wingfield Barns, 10am to 12 noon. All welcome!

Friday 20th

A special service for Christmas at **The Depperhaugh** at 11am, with Holy Communion. All welcome to join in.

Saturday 21st

Hoxne Church Coffee Morning and book sale, 9.45 to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Sunday 29th

First Sunday of Christmas, 11am, Benefice Holy Communion at Wingfield.



Your Christmas shopping could help the Hoxne Benefice with easyfundraising.org.uk
It really is easy for anyone who shops online...It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised **over £1000**. easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice.

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facebook.com/WingfieldChurch or
facebook.com/athelingtonchurch.
facebook.com/HoxneMC
For email newsletters from the diocese,
emailcommunications@cofesuffolk.org

Waveney Foodbank Tel: 07484 394749
- more food always required please.
If you can, please make extra donations either at Hoxne church or when you do your supermarket shop. Tinned and dry foods along with jams (not home-made) and pasta sauces always welcome or you may donate money online.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!