

The Wroxham Benefice

Sunday 25th October
Bible Sunday

October Services

All at 10am **except November 8th which is at 9.30am**

25 th October	Communion	Hoveton St John
1 st November	Communion	Wroxham
8th November	Communion	Wroxham, with
9.30am		Act of Remembrance
15 th November	Communion	Hoveton St John
22 nd November	Communion	Wroxham
29 th November	Communion	Hoveton St John

Current Church opening times for private prayer 10am-4pm

Tuesday	Hoveton St John
Wednesday	Wroxham
Wednesday	Belaugh
Friday	Hoveton St Peter
Saturday	Hoveton St John
Saturday	Tunstead (11-4)
Sunday	Wroxham

For your prayers

All who are unwell at this time

Lilian Pointer, Helen Dellar, Margaret Wheeler, Claire Firrell, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bob Shaw, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Alan Chambers, Sheila Hurrell, Annie Slater, Rachel, Richard Wilson, Barbara Mowat, Queenie Whayman, Vivien Hunn, Bonnie Davies, Veronica Mowat

Those who have died recently

Rosalind France

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

All Souls, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

In a 'normal' year we would be looking towards our All Souls' service when we remember those who have died throughout the year, and those whom we have loved and lost. In the current situation we are doing this differently this year. Throughout November each of our churches will have a focal point for remembering our loved ones where you can leave a name or a memory. They will remain in place until the start of Advent. The opening times of each of our churches is above; do come and make use of these holy spaces.



Plan early for Christmas!

We know that Christmas will be different this year, but that doesn't mean it isn't happening. One part of our planning is to create painted rocks of the baby Jesus, and leave them around the community. We will need helpers to paint them, and to leave them around our villages.

Full details next week, but equipment required is a small brush, acrylic paint in white and a skin tone, a black 'Sharpie' pen, and some clear PVA glue or varnish. Liz will provide the pebbles, and if you can't get hold of the paint etc, we can sort that too. The painting is very easy!

From Veronica...

I would like to thank all of you who have sent cards, messages, made phone calls and prayed for me during the last few weeks whilst I have been isolated and had surgery. Your love and support has made me feel part of the widest Christian community. Thank you, Veronica

Staying Safe

Please remember to wear a mask in church. If you are exempt from wearing one, please do be extra careful of those around you.

Although we remain in the lowest tier of restrictions, we are still bound by the rule of six; please do be careful about not gathering in groups after church. I know it's hard, but we are in a privileged position to be able to continue to meet, and we need to follow the rules for our safety. Thanks to all for all your efforts to protect one another.

Collect and Readings

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of
everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

OLD TESTAMENT Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,8-12

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.