

The Wroxham Benefice

Sunday 29th November
First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and the last of the second lockdown. We assume that we will be back in church **next Sunday 6th December, in Hoveton St John at 10am**. The following Sundays will be

13th December 10am Wroxham

20th December 10am Hoveton St John

I hope that we will be able to have a midnight Communion at Wroxham, sadly without singing, and details of this will follow next week. I am currently working on an alternative Carol Service!

Current Church opening times for private prayer 10am-3pm

Tuesday	Hoveton St John
Wednesday	Wroxham
Wednesday	Belagh
Friday	Hoveton St Peter
Saturday	Hoveton St John
Saturday	Tunstead
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,

Those who have died recently

Vincent Prime, Michael Hipperson, Patricia Hilsley

All whose anniversaries occur at this time



Next week we will be together to light our Advent candles, but today why not light a candle at home and say the prayer for this Sunday.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Rocks and Angels!

Thanks to all who are involved in these projects. We have adapted the angels project slightly and are now asking our knitters to make an angel to hang in their own window, and then to make one (or more) for a friend or neighbour to do the same. The angels are beginning to spread around the communities. If you don't knit and would like an angel, we will do our best to make one for you.

In December we will be asking for volunteers to place the Jesus rocks around the area, a few at a time. To date we have around 150 made, but more are always welcome.

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Readings

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and
come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your
presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your
presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our
iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of
the grace of God that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in
him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as
the testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you— so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-end

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in
clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will
send out the angels, and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of
heaven.
‘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 these things taking place, 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 words will not pass away.
‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither
the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come. It is like a man going on a
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in
charge, each with his work, and commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep
awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep
when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say
to all: Keep awake.’