

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

Sunday 28th November 2021
First Sunday of Advent

While COVID restrictions are currently lifted, we encourage you to wear a mask, use the hand sanitiser and be aware of the space you give to each other. You are invited to use the NHS Test and Trace QR Code

During the service you will be invited to stand at certain times. This simply reflects the usual tradition of our churches, but ***please feel free to remain seated if you would prefer.***

Sunday Services

November 28 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion
December 5 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
December 12 th	8.30am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St John	Benefice Carol Service
December 19 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Belaugh	Carols and Christingle
December 26 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion (Said)

Services for Christmas are outlined later in this sheet.

For Home Communion, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact the Rector Revd Elizabeth Jump 01603 784150 rector@wroxhambenefice.org

For our Prayers

All those who ask for our prayers

Helen Dellar, Margaret Wheeler, Claire Firrell, Queenie Whayman, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bonnie Davies, Bob Shaw, Christine Goodhew, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Lilian Pointer, Richard Wilson, Alan Chambers, Edward Minster

All who have died recently

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Eileen Pye

WROXHAM BENEFICE MOTHERS UNION

If you are interested in learning more about the MU (men can be members as well) then we meet on the first Tuesday of the month and the next meeting is on 7th December. We meet in the narthex at St. Helen's Church in Hoveton at 10.30.

We are always happy to welcome new members, so why not come and see what we are about.

For more information, contact Suzanne Jones or Sue Cobb.

Forthcoming Events

Hoveton St John

St John's Coffee Mornings return with
A Christmas Coffee Morning on
Wednesday 8th December 10.00 to 12.00
Everyone welcome

Carols in Roys

Wednesday December 8th at 5pm

Our Churches Together Carols in Roys Coffee Shop returns this year.

Led by all the churches
with music from Wroxham Praise
Do come and join us.

Services for Christmas

December 8 th	5.00pm	Carols at Roys	
December 12 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Benefice Carol Service
December 15 th	5.00pm	Tunstead	Carols and Nativity led by the children of Tunstead School
December 17 th	7.30pm	Wroxham	Carols by Candlelight
December 19 th	3.00pm	Belaugh	Carols and Christingle
December 24 th	4.00pm	Wroxham	Crib and Christingle
	11.30pm	Wroxham	Midnight Mass
December 25 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion

Liz availability

Please note that I will be isolating from Tuesday in preparation for my son's admission to hospital for surgery on Friday. I will be with you next Sunday.

Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes; please pray that the op will go ahead this time!



Administrator required

Mothers' Union Norwich Diocese is looking for an experienced administrator to work at the Mothers' Union Office,

The role includes secretarial and administrative support for the activities of the charity.

Hours required are 12 hours per week, divided as 4 hours on three days. (days to be agreed)

The rate of pay is currently £9.00 per hour

For further information, to request a job description and to submit a CV, contact the Mothers' Union Office (01603 882330) or email munorwich@googlemail.com The office is currently staffed 10.30 am to 2.30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Closing date for applications: Friday 10th December 2021

Interviews: to be held in early January 2022

Start date: by agreement with successful applicant

Diocesan Resources for Advent

Advent Calendar

Don't forget the Diocese of Norwich Digital Advent Calendar starts on **Sunday 28 November**. Each of its 27 digital doors will reveal someone from our diocese, sharing the way in which they pray. Get each day of the Calendar sent directly to your inbox by subscribing now at www.DofN.org/advent.

Advent Reflections

Sunday reflections throughout Advent written by Susanna Gunner

A painting, a short reflection and a prayer are offered to make connections between aspects of our waiting in Advent and the global pandemic which, this year, is inescapably our context for that anticipation. Please share them with others and perhaps print out for a friend or neighbour who is not online.

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/resource/advent-reflections/>

COLLECT AND 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.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 33.14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL Luke 21.25–36

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

