

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Services

Dec 11 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
Dec 18 th	8.30am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St John	Carol Service
	3pm	Belaugh	Carols/Christingle
Dec 25 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Family Communion
Jan 1 st	10am	Wroxham	New Year Communion
Jan 8 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion

Hymns

451 Long ago, prophets knew
286 Hark! A herald voice
205 From heaven you came
692 Tell out my soul

Advent Candle Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.

Prayer for the parishes – new venue due to cold!

This will take place each Tuesday at 6pm for half an hour

In the Vicarage, 11 Church Lane, Wroxham

It is a chance to be quiet with God in a busy week.

This is a quiet time of prayer with music and silence, held within the framework of Evening Prayer from the Northumbria Community.

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, Claire Firrell, Queenie Whayman, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bonnie Davies, Bob Shaw, Christine Goodhew, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Lilian Pointer, Richard Wilson, Edward Minster, Sandra Adams, Carole Tims, Shaun Whitmore, Joan Baker, Mark, Isla

All who have died recently

Sheila Moss

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Allan Carter

This week we pray for those living or working in...

Wroxham: Stevenson Road, The Avenue, Trafford Walk, Beech Road

Hoveton: Tunstead Lane, Tunstead Road, Two Saints Close

Belaugh: Church Lane, Hill Piece, Top Road, Back Lane, The Street

Tunstead: Anchor Street, Belaugh Lane, Church Lane, Church Road

Advent and Christmas Services and Events

Dec 13 th	6pm	Carol Service	Tunstead Church
Dec 18 th	10am	Benefice Carols	Hoveton St John
	3pm	Carols and Christingle	Belaugh
Dec 22 nd	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Wroxham
Dec 24 th	4pm	Crib and Christingle	Wroxham
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Wroxham
Dec 25 th	10am	Family Communion	Hoveton St John

Coffee, Cake and Conversation for Advent

(Tea and biscuits also available!)

Each Thursday during Advent – December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

The Vicarage, 11 Church Lane, Wroxham from 10.30 until 12.00

We are discussing an Advent set of readings, and these are available from Liz, but you can just come and join in.

You can come for one week or all, or anything in between.

**The December Coffee Morning
in aid of Hoveton St John Church**

in the Church on *Wednesday 14th December* 10.30 am.

Do come & join us for coffee & some Christmas fare.
Raffle & bring & buy table plus a Christmas table.

We do have a lovely selection of jigsaws
so you can stock up ready for the Winter.

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35.1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

NEW TESTAMENT James 5.7–10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 11.2–11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.