

# THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Bible Sunday**

## **Services**

October 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Wroxham	All Souls' Service
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
	10.45	Wroxham	Remembrance
	10.45	Hoveton St John	Remembrance
	3.00	Hoveton St Peter	Remembrance
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Morning Worship

## **Hymns**

767 Thou whose almighty word

481 Lord thy word abideth

120 Come down O love divine

40 Angel voices ever singing

## **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. **Amen**

For Home Communions, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact  
the Rector Revd Elizabeth Jump 01603 784150 [rector@wroxhambenefice.org](mailto:rector@wroxhambenefice.org)  
Liz's rest day is usually Monday

## 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, Mark, Carole Tims, Janet Faircloth, Carol, Guy

### All who have died recently

Peter Errington, Peter Lewis

### All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Michael Hipperson, Neville Wicks

### All Souls' Service this afternoon at 3pm

There are sheets at the back of church today to fill in names to be read at our All Souls' service next Sunday. You can also add names when you arrive at the service.

### Coffee, Cake and Conversation – Journalling the Psalms

Our next session is Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 in the Vicarage

### Christmas Crib Display – can you help?

Hoveton St John Church are Planning to hold a display of Christmas Cribs in the Church on Saturday & Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of November. If anyone has a nativity set they would kindly loan us for the display we would be delighted to include it. There will be volunteers on hand to guard your display. Please give Sylvia Tilson a call on 01603 782008 so you can have a chat about it.

### Coffee Morning at Hoveton St Peter Church

on Wednesday 15th November from 10. 30 am.

Delicious cakes, raffle, books and jigsaws.

A very warm welcome to our little church.

We look forward to seeing you there !

*We had a wonderful evening at the Silvertones concert last night. Thanks to all those who did so much to make it happen, to Linda Whitefoot for the idea and the planning, and to the Silvertones for their singing! Liz*

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 words will not pass away.

## POST COMMUNION

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.