

# THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**

## Services

Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Morning Worship
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Hoveton St John	Informal Worship
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion

### Hoveton St John

56 Be thou my vision  
246 In heavenly love  
Sheet Christ be our Light  
560 Will you come and follow

### Hoveton St Peter

62 Be still  
687 Take my life  
170 Father I place  
454 Lord for the years

### COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

For Home Communion, 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, Archdeacon Steven Betts

### All who have died recently

Peter Lewis

### All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Patricia Hilsley, Brian Keane, David Partridge, Grace Allsop,

**Prayer for the parishes -6pm at the Vicarage on Tuesday**

### **Christmas Crib Display – NEXT WEEKEND**

Hoveton St John's display of Christmas Cribs in the Church takes place 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. We will be receiving the crib sets in church from 9.30am on Friday.

**Please come and support**, and enjoy the many nativity sets.  
Donations for the work of St John's church

### **Wroxham Christmas Concert**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Church

### **THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM**

Christmas music and readings

with Joan Hocking (soprano) and Carole Tims

Tickets £8 with festive refreshments

Audience singing too, so come and enjoy yourself!

Tickets from Margaret 01603 783399 or Carole 01603 721912

## OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 1.7,12–18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.  
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'  
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.  
The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.  
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.  
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them  
on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or

asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

#### GOSPEL Matthew 25.14–30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”