

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER
2025

*St Mary Wroxham, Hoveton St John, Hoveton St Peter
St Peter Belaugh, St Mary Tunstead*

Welcome to the first monthly parish news sheet. With the Bridge no longer being produced - thanks go to those who ran it for so long - we are looking at ways of sharing more information with our congregations, continuing our journey of growing together as one church family, and keeping in touch with those who are not on email, and with the wider community. It's not a replacement for the Bridge, but a more in depth version of our weekly sheet, with events from the churches, service times, encouragements for prayer and more. It's also a work in progress so will develop as time goes on. All feedback is appreciated - what would you like to see? No prizes for spotting typos or mistakes, though they are likely to be in existence, and will be all mine! *Liz*

Services for November

2nd	10am	Informal Worship	St John, Hoveton
	10am	Holy Communion	St Mary, Tunstead
	3pm	All Souls' Service	St Mary, Wroxham
	5pm	Celtic Communion	St Peter, Hoveton
9th	9am	Holy Communion	St Mary, Wroxham
	10.45	Remembrance	St Mary, Wroxham
	<i>Parade forms at the Church Hall, to march at 10.15</i>		
	10.45	Remembrance	St John, Hoveton
	<i>With URC</i>		
16th	10am	Holy Communion	St John, Hoveton
23rd	10am	Holy Communion	St Mary, Wroxham
30th	10am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Hoveton

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For enquires regarding Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals please contact the Rector. Liz's rest day is Monday

From the Rector.....

It's no secret, I suspect, that I love autumn. While many were reluctantly moving away from the warmer months, I was joyfully putting on my jumpers and jackets and rejoicing in the turning season, the colours in the trees and the opportunity for longer evenings curled up with a book and a warm drink. When I have time!

Now the season is moving again, and winter is close upon us. The temperature is dropping quite rapidly (I may even put the heating on soon) and just to really rub it in, this weekend the clocks move back, bringing even longer evenings, and for many a lowering of spirits with the loss of the light.

I suspect that one of the difficulties we have with winter that we try to keep going as though it is summer. But nature shows us otherwise. Much of God's creation wisely hunkers down for a rest, takes life slow, and works on regaining its strength ready for the time when spring arrives again. We, on the other hand, turn on our artificial lights and try to make the days the same as those at the height of summer.

I would like to say to you all - it's ok to slow down. Seasons are a gift. I would miss them terribly if (as is threatened with climate change) they disappeared. But they are a gift we need to take. Relax into winter, find its pace and its beauty.

In our churches we are moving through our seasons too. We have the last Sunday after Trinity at the end of October and then we move into the Kingdom season, with the celebration of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, followed by Remembrance Sunday, and Christ the King, moving on to Advent which starts on the last Sunday in November; the start of a new church year, and our time of preparation for Christmas.

Life has its seasons too. We all see them in our lives. The light and easy seasons when life is good, the road ahead of us is sun filled and straight, and the harder times when the way before us is darker and harder to walk, and each step costs us.

We aren't the first to find this. The Psalms were written thousands of years ago, but still speak to our lives today. One of the best known and most loved is the 23rd Psalm - The Lord is my Shepherd - and it speaks into this idea of seasons of life. There are seasons where we walk beside still waters, in green pastures; and then there are times when we know

ourselves to be walking those difficult paths we would rather have been able to avoid. But whichever season we are in, the psalmist reminds us that we are not alone. 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death' he says 'I will fear no evil, *for you are with me...*'

It would be lovely to be able to find a reason why life sometimes seems to throw awful things at us; to be able to have only good things happen to good people, and the evil get their just rewards. But life isn't like that - it just happens, for good or bad. Our choice is in how we decide to walk through it, and with whom. I choose to walk with God, to know myself held and supported when the bad stuff hits - and no, that's not always easy. But I know of no other way to live.

With my love and prayers, Liz

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Events Across our Churches

Wroxham and the War

*A special display to mark the 80th year since the end of World War II
Commemorating those who lost their lives
and learning from the memories of those who live here today.*

7th to 17th November, St Mary's Church, Wroxham

(except Sunday morning, 9th November, when the annual Remembrance Service will be held in the church from 10.45 am – All Welcome)

A huge amount of work has gone into this, headed by Angus and Avril, who have been collecting memories from local people and photographs and articles to share with you. Please do come and see this display which should be fascinating. Thanks to Angus and Avril and all who have worked with them.

Christmas Concert

St. Mary's Church Wroxham invites you to
A Christmas Concert by the fabulous
Cawston Brass Band

on Saturday 29th November 7.30pm
tickets £15 to include refreshments (£5.00 for children)
From Margaret 01603 783399, Rod 01603 784240, Avril 01603 781465

Coffee Mornings

Monday 3rd November in St Mary's Wroxham Church Hall 10-12

This month we have a visit from Bruce & Jean with their chutneys, jams & marmalades ready for Christmas. Pick up your favourites, And they can also make up hampers of your choice. We also have cakes, books & raffle and it's free, with donations for our village church very gratefully accepted. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 12th November in Hoveton St John Church from 10.30

We will have a Christmas Table, Bring & Buy Stall & Raffle

And a great collection of jigsaws to enjoy during the Winter evenings!

Do come, and enjoy home made scones with your coffee.

A very warm welcome awaits you.

From the Diocese

TAIZÉ PRAYER

at St Luke's Church, Norwich

(61 Aylsham Rd, Norwich NR3 2HF)

Sunday

9th November at 6.30 p.m.

JOIN US, FOR WORSHIP

IN THIS PRAYERFUL, REFLECTIVE STYLE

Song Practice from 6.00 p.m. Silence from 6.20 p.m.

Several of us went to the last Taizé service at St Luke's and it was a very special service. If you would like to come, but need a lift, ask Liz.

Advent Course

Advent begins in a month's time and we are planning to hold an Advent Group, which is likely to be on Tuesday mornings (unless that works for no one, let me know - Liz). We are finalising which book or course we will be following, but we will let you know in the coming weeks. We are planning a short midweek communion, followed by refreshments and discussion about the reading we have been doing. Friendly and available to all, whether you come for one week or all. You can come to the Communion, the group, or both. More details will be in the weekly sheet.

Prayer Diary

Praying for all the residents of our parishes, and for a different intention each day. Ideas for future diaries are welcome!

1st	All Saints Day Remembering the Saints of the church, their faithfulness and example. For the strength to live for God each day. Wroxham: Salhouse Rd, Skinners Lane, Staitheway Rd
2nd	Those attending our services today, especially the All Souls Service, and remembering those who have recently lost loved ones. Hoveton: Summer Drive, The Drive, The Rhond, Three Acre Close
3rd	For Wroxham's coffee morning, and for all who will attend. With thanks for those who faithfully run it each month. Belaugh: Church Lane, Hill Piece, Top Road
4th	For our schools as they start a new half term. For the staff and pupils of Hoveton St John, Tunstead, and Broadland High. Tunstead: Shop Ln, Vicarage Ln, Watering Pit Ln, Weavers Loke
5th	For all those serving on Wroxham PCC, and for its officers - Angus the Warden, John the Treasurer and Carolyn the secretary. Wroxham: Stevenson Rd, The Avenue, Trafford Walk, Beech Rd
6th	For Stay and Play as it reopens after half term, giving thanks for those who attend and for all those who come to help each week. Hoveton: Tunstead Lane, Tunstead Rd, Two Saints Close
7th	For Overbury House Nursing Home, its staff and residents, and for Liz as she visits there today. Belaugh: Back Lane, The Street
8th	For those who serve on Hoveton PCC, and for its officers - Sue the Warden and Secretary, and Tom the Treasurer. Tunstead: Anchor St, Belaugh Ln, Church Ln, Coltishall Ln
9th	For all who will attend our Remembrance services today, and those who live with injuries or difficult memories of active service. Wroxham: Bircham Close, Bridge Broad Close, Bure Close, Castle St
10th	For our Bishops Graham, Ian, and Jane, and our Archdeacons Steven, Keith, and Catherine. Hoveton: Waveney Close, Waveney Drive, Albion Way, Alderfen Way

11th	For all those who have lost their lives to war and conflict, and those who live in war zones today. For peace in our world. Belaugh: Church Lane, Hill Piece, Top Road
12th	For Ray Curtis whose funeral takes place at Tunstead Church today, and for his family as they mourn his loss. Tunstead: Coltishall Ln, Crowgate Street, Culley's Pit Rd, Fletcher Cl
13th	For all the users of Wroxham Church Hall. And prayers for someone to take over the bookings. Wroxham: Charles Close, Christopher Way, Church Ln, Grange Walk
14th	For those across our parishes who are housebound. Hoveton: Barton Drive, Belaugh Drive, Belaugh Rd, Blackhorse Ct
15th	For those who look after the fabric of our churches. Belaugh: Back Lane, The Street
16th	For our service in St John's today, for all who will attend, and those who are unable to do so. Tunstead: Forge Estate, Granary Ln, Manor Close, Market Close
17th	For Heron Lodge Nursing home, its staff and residents. Wroxham: Hartwell Rd, Keys Drive, Loynes Drive, Nobel Crescent
18th	For those who faithfully meet each week to pray for the parishes and for the work of God across the Benefice. Hoveton: Blofield Loke, Brimbelow Rd, Burnt Fen Way, Carrs Loke
19th	For those who serve on Belaugh PCC, and its officers - Jan, the Secretary and Marcus the Treasurer Belaugh: Church Lane, Hill Piece, Top Road
20th	For our emergency services, our local police, fire service, ambulance and first responders. With thanks for all they do, and praying for their safety. Tunstead: Market Street, Mill Ln, Mill Road, Old Lane, Sco Ruston Rd
21st	For our GP practice, and for those who staff it - the medical personnel and the administrative staff. For all who attend there. Wroxham: Salhouse Rd, Skinners Lane, Staitheway Rd
22nd	Our parish councils and all the responsibility they hold. For the chairs and office holders. Hoveton: Summer Drive, The Drive, The Rhond, Three Acre Close

23rd	For our service at Wroxham today, for all who will attend and for those who are unable to do so. Belaugh: Back Lane, The Street
24th	For those who serve on Tunstead PCC and for its officers - Christine the secretary. Praying for a Treasurer and Warden. Tunstead: Shop Ln, Vicarage Ln, Watering Pit Ln, Weavers Loke
25th	For our Ministry Team, for Liz, Barry, Sandy, and Sue. For our Advent course and those leading it. Wroxham: Stevenson Rd, The Avenue, Trafford Walk, Beech Rd
26th	For the shops, businesses, cafes and restaurants in our communities. Hoveton: Tunstead Lane, Tunstead Rd, Two Saints Close
27th	For those who work towards fundraising and grant funding for our churches. For generous giving across our churches for God's work. Belaugh: Church Lane, Hill Piece, Top Road
28th	All those whose unnoticed work makes our lives possible; our refuse collector, road menders, phone engineers, and many others.... Tunstead: Anchor St, Belaugh Ln, Church Ln, Coltishall Ln
29th	For Diocesan Synod, meeting today. Wroxham: Bircham Close, Bridge Broad Close, Bure Close, Castle St
30th	For our 5th Sunday service today and for the life of our Benefice, that we may continue to grow together. Hoveton: Waveney Close, Waveney Drive, Albion Way, Alderfen Way

You can also access the Diocesan prayer diary online at <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news-and-events/prayer-diary/>

Our benefice is being prayed for across the Diocese on November 11th

There are lots of online prayer resources, why not try

<https://sacredspace.com/>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> You can listen to this service if you prefer!

If you have a smart phone, there is an App for Daily Prayer from the Church of England

Readings for the coming month

Each Sunday we follow the Lectionary for our readings in church.
If you can't be with us, or would just like to look at them ahead of time,
here are November's readings.

2nd November

All Souls

Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18

Ephesians 1.11–23

Luke 6.20–31

9th November

3 before Advent/Remembrance

Job 19.23–27a

2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–17

Luke 20.27–38

16th November

2 before Advent

Malachi 4.1–2a

2 Thess 3.6–13

Luke 21.5–19

23rd November

Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Colossians 1.11–20

Luke 23.33–43

30th November

Advent 1

Isaiah 2.1–5

Romans 13.11–14

Matthew 24.36–44

Norwich Cathedral Services and Events

The Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and is open to all. They have made a commitment to not charge for entry unlike many cathedrals, though you are of course welcome to make a donation to support their work.

Here are some of the events and services that may interest you in the coming weeks.

Exhibition: Edith Cavell in her own voice

Tues-Thurs until 23 Dec 2025 Location: Library

Edith Cavell in her own voice aims to tell the story of Norfolk nurse and First World War heroine Edith through her own words, paintings and possessions, rather than through the propaganda that followed her execution by the Germans on October 12 1915 for helping some 200 Allied soldiers escape occupied Belgium.

Art in the Close

Sept 2025 to Spring 2026 Location: Cathedral Close

Ancient architecture and contemporary sculpture combine in an exciting new exhibition of outdoor art at Norwich Cathedral.

Art in the Close will run from September 2025 to Spring 2026 and sees the Cathedral Close become the inspirational setting for a mix of works by artists Lynn Chadwick and John Maine.

The free open-air exhibition is planned to be the first in a new rolling programme of art at the Cathedral and it will give visitors the chance to enjoy discovering works in three different areas of the Close.

Silence in the Cathedral

24 Nov 2025, 19:00 - 20:00 Location: Cathedral

Join us for a brief but silent haven from the concerns of daily life. The only sound will be music playing at the beginning and end of the silence. Please enter via the North West door and wear shoes with soft soles to help maintain the silence. Admission is free, donations welcome. Cloister or labyrinth open for meditative walking from 6.30pm (weather permitting).

Candlelit Advent Procession

30 Nov 2025, 18:00

Join the Cathedral for Advent carols and readings in a candlelit procession as we begin our preparations for Christmas.

Evensong with the making of a Chorister Bishop

05 Dec 2025, 17:30

Reviving a custom from the Middle Ages, one of the Cathedral's choristers will be made the 'Chorister Bishop' during this special Evensong celebrating St Nicholas, the patron saint of children, concluding with the blessing of the outdoor crib outside the Hostry. We will be joined by the Bishop of Thetford for this special service.

You can find more information about these events and more by visiting the website at www.cathedral.org

