

Hook Norton Benefice December 2025

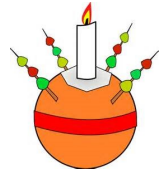
Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton



Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December at 4pm at St Peter's Church, Hook Norton

Especially suitable for families. All welcome



St Peter's Church

Hook Norton

**Sunday 7th December
at 4.00pm**

Christingle Family Service

**Sunday 21st December
at 6.00pm**

Carols and Readings for Christmas

**Wednesday 24th December
at 5.00pm**

Christmas Eve Crib Service

**Wednesday 24th December
at 11.30pm**

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

**Thursday 25th December
at 10.00am**

Christmas Day Morning Worship



St Andrew's Church

Great Rollright

**Sunday 14th December
at 6.00pm**

Carols by Candlelight

**Thursday 25th December
at 10.00am**

Christmas Day Holy Communion



St Mary's Church

Swerford

**Saturday 20th December
at 6.00pm**

Carols by Candlelight

**Thursday 25th December
at 10.00am**

Holy Communion for Christmas Day



St Giles' Church

Wigginton

**Thursday 25th December
at 10.00am**

Christmas Day Carols



Calendar of Services

Sunday 7th December (Advent 2)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Great Rollright

No Morning Worship at Hook Norton

4.00pm	Christingle Family Service	Hook Norton
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No Evening Worship at Swerford

Sunday 14th December (Advent 3)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wigginton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Hook Norton

No Morning Worship at Great Rollright

6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Great Rollright
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Saturday 20th December

6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Swerford
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Sunday 21st December (Advent 4)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Swerford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Great Rollright

No Morning Worship at Hook Norton

6.00pm	Carols and Readings for Christmas	Hook Norton
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Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service	Hook Norton
11.30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	Hook Norton

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.00am	Christmas Day Morning Worship	Hook Norton
10.00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Great Rollright
10.00am	Carols for Christmas	Wigginton
10.00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Swerford

Sunday 28th December (1st Sunday of Christmas)

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Hook Norton
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(Only Service in Benefice)

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) Wednesdays at 10am.

December Services: 3rd and 10th only

Regular Events in Church

All Welcome

Font Café

10am till noon
at St Peter's
Church, Hook
Norton, every Saturday.



Cake and Bake Sale

06.12.25

Bellringing Practice

Thursdays
at 7:30pm,
Hook Norton.



Coffee Morning

4th Friday of the month
10.30am till noon at
St Giles'
Church,
Wigginton



No Coffee

Morning in December

Hooky Neighbours Pantry

10am till noon **now** at
Hook Norton Baptist

Church Hall

20.12.25

[3rd Saturday of
each month]

See posters in village
for more
details.

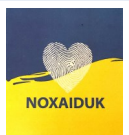


A big thankyou to all at St Peter's who helped at the Sunday Remembrance Service



Pray for Ukraine - Prayer sheets in every church

If you would like to support the work of NOXAIDUK, who are based in Hook Norton, and run regular relief convoys to Ukraine, the bank details are NOXAIDUK Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 03 84, Account Number 03595552. If you would like to learn more of their work, please contact James Clarke.



Christmas 'Pop-Up' Market



St Peter's Church
Saturday 6th December
09.30 – 13.00

Crafts, Books, Gifts, Plants,

Bake and Cake Stall etc.

'Font Café' + Hot Soup

Interested in having a Stall?

Contact: angelmrpowell@gmail.com
sjorchard15@gmail.com

If you have any donations for the Church stall at the Pop up Market, Sheila Rider would be very pleased to have them.
Tel: 01608 730355
(No clothing or electricals - thanks)



Hook Norton Brass Band
Christmas Concert



Saturday 6th December

Time: 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Hook Norton

"Carols with Hooky Singers"

Wednesday 10th December
7.30 – 9 pm



St Peter's Church Hook Norton

All Welcome for a Christmas Sing and Festive Refreshment



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CRIB SERVICE

Wednesday 24th December
St Peter's Church, Hook Norton at 5pm

Children who would like to make up the nativity tableau please come dressed up as an angel or a shepherd



Christingle Making

In preparation for the Christingle Service on Sunday 7th December, Janet Collins would appreciate some volunteers to help make the Christingles. This will take place during Font Café on Saturday 6th December. Please come along and help get ready for this special service. Thanks



Christmas Polly Vouchers



Polly is always grateful for our donations as she continues to feed and support many in Banbury. At this time of year we invite you to place a money donation in an envelope (which will be used to purchase gift vouchers for her people) and clearly name it **'For Polly'**. This can be placed, (on a Sunday) in the church collection or given directly to Jenny Mead by **Sunday 14th December.**

A History Of Christmas



From pagan origins to what has become our Christmas season, a fascinating talk by Philip Bowen

Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm
at St Peter's Church Hook Norton.

Refreshments

Donations to St Peter's Church

St Peter's 29th Craft Fair & Grand Draw



was once again a wonderful day, well attended by the local community as well as by so many from further afield.

Jan & Becky are so very grateful to all who helped in any way both before, and on, the day to make the event such a great success **the total raised was £7,604 - thank you all.'**

December 2025 Prayer Focus – Families



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child (John the Baptist) leapt in her womb. Luke chapter 1 verse 41.

Do you have a favourite Christmas story? Mine is Luke's with Mary and Joseph, Elisabeth and Zechariah. It's about two cousins each expecting a baby and their husbands. What is more Christmas than families getting together? But there is more. Verse 41 continues "*Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit*". John the Baptist had an important role in preparing the way for Jesus' ministry, acknowledged by the Holy Spirit when he was still in the womb. Today, we also have a role in ensuring the Christmas story is heard.

Christmas is still about families and children, even if it has been hi-jacked. But not everyone has a family. Maybe they've lost touch, or they're the only one left. Some will spend Christmas with friends. Others will spend it alone and others still will be separated from their families. This December, please pray for:

- The homeless and those who help them such as the Oxford Winter Night Shelter (ownsoxford.org.uk) and the Salvation Army.
- Polly and her clients in Banbury.
- Those in the armed forces on deployment, our emergency services, NHS and care workers.

Finally please pray for our churches through the interregnum.

For guidance to our wardens, lay ministers and all who serve us.

Keith Disney

The Benefice Ministry Team wish everyone a very Happy Christmas



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Want to know more about our churches?
For services and events see our **website**: Hooknortonbenefice.org.uk

Please send details of events to be included in this handout to
office@hooknortonbenefice.org.uk by the 12th of the month - thanks