Hook Norton Benefice November 2026

Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton

Service for All Souls Day



Sunday 1st November
St Peter's Church, Hook Norton at 3.30pm

A Service of Remembrance to remember those whom we love but see no longer. There will be prayers, music, candles and tea and cake, and the reading of the names of those departed for whom we have led a service during 2024-2026.

Please give any additional names to be remembered to Sally Austin [parish administrator]. To ensure we have heard the name correctly, we ask you please, if phoning, to make personal contact rather than leave a message.

There is also a sign up sheet at the back of the church for names. Thank you.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November

8.00am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance Wigginton

10.45am St Peter's Church, Hook Norton

The Procession leaves from

The Green, Hook Norton at 10.30am

ADVENT SUNDAY

Sunday 29th November



8am Holy Communion BCP Hook Norton

10am St Andrew's Patronal Festival Gt Rollright
Holy Communion
followed by refreshments

Calendar of Services

Sunday 1st November (All Saints Day)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
3.30pm	All Souls Service	Hook Norton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Swerford

No morning worship at Hook Norton

Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Sunday)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) with Act of Remembrance	Wigginton
10.45am	Benefice Service of Remembrance	Hook Norton

No morning worship at Gt Rollright

Sunday 15th November (2nd Sunday before Advent)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Swerford
10.00am	Morning Worship	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Wigginton

Sunday 22nd November (Christ the King)

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

No morning worship at Wigginton

Sunday 29th November (Advent Sunday)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion Patronal Festival *followed by refreshments*	Gt Rollright

Holy Communion (BCP) Wednesdays at 10am at Hook Norton
November Services: 4th and 18th only
Everyone Welcome

Regular Events in Church
All Welcome

Font Café



10am till noon at St Peter's Church Hook Norton, every Saturday.
Cake and Bake Sale 21.11.26

Bellringing Practice



Thursdays at 7:30pm, St Peter's Church Hook Norton.

Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10.30am till noon at St Giles' Church, Wigginton
Friday 27th November

Hooky Neighbours Pantry

Hook Norton Baptist Church Hall
1st Thursday of the month
1.30pm to 3.00pm

3rd Saturday of month
10am till noon

See posters in village or FB for more details.

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.

CARE FOR A CUPPA



Katharine House Hospice Coffee Morning
Friday 6th November 2026, 10am-12pm.
St Peter's Church, Hook Norton

Coffee, Tea and Cakes, Raffle, Christmas Cards for Sale, Craft Sale
Donations nearer the time will be gratefully received.
Many thanks. Julie Wood and Cherwell Division Trefoil Guild, juliedwood46@gmail.com

Thank you

To all those who organised, took part in or supported the

Harvest Services

The Induction Service of Revd Stephen

St Andrew's Quiz

The Craft Fair

and thank you to Stephen and Sally for opening their garden for 'Meet the New Rector '



Music in December in St Peter's Church





05.12.26 Hook Norton Brass Band at 7.30pm

12.12.26 North Cotswold Chamber Choir - Old and new carols with audience participation accompanied by saxophone and piano at 7.30pm

16.12.26 Hooky Singers - Informal and Fun Big Sing. All welcome and join in at 7.30pm

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 13th December.** Thank you

Christmas Pop Up Market



St Peter's Church, Hook Norton



Saturday 19th December 2026
9:30am - 1pm

Crafts, Home Bakes, gifts, Jewellery, Recycled Items, Cards, Art, Clothing etc

Font Cafe & Hot Food available

Interested in a Stall:

Contact: Barb Crowther by message or whats app: 07940 840076
email: barbcrowther@btinternet.com

St Peter's Church 100 Club

Draw takes place on the3rd Saturday each month.
3 numbers are drawn.
1st prize is £100,
2nd and 3rd prizes are £25
The December draw has 4 prizes.
The 1st prize is £250, 2nd, £100 and the 3rd and 4th prizes £25.
To own a number costs £5 per month.
At the moment there are 2 unowned numbers.
Should you wish to own a number please contact
Jane Orchard 01608 737634
sjorchard15@gmail.com.



Prayer Focus—November 2026

"*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends*,"
John 15v13 (NIV Bible).

This is a Bible reading often used at the season of Remembrance, as we remember the sacrifices made for us and our nation by our armed forces in times of war. But Jesus's words here, said before the Last Supper, point to his sacrificial death on the cross for the sin of all people, to bring us peace and reconciliation to God. They also remind us that we need to be sacrificial and go the extra mile in our relationships with each other, so we can be a peaceful and healthy community.

I am very grateful for the many selfless and kind things that you do to serve one another and our local church, and we should continue to pray for a spirit of unity and purpose among us, where everyone has a part to play, especially as we make some changes and embark on new ventures.

Please pray for guidance for us as a church, as we explore our four-point strategy of 1) outreach, 2) ministry to families, 3) sustainability of buildings and people, and 4) development of collaborative ministry.

Please pray especially for:

- Forging stronger links with our church schools.
- Plans for the new family service at Hook Norton.

Stephen



Bell Ringing Quarter Peal Attempt 14.11.2026, 11.00 - 12.15

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Want to know more about our churches?
For services and events see the website - A church near you

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