Welcome

To the Benefice of Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & Woodborough

If you are new here in our Churches please introduce yourself.
We pray that God will bless us in our worship together
and warmly welcome you into our communities.

Church Services

Sunday 1st November

8 am	Holy Communion	Woodborough
10 am	The Ark	Woodborough
10.50am	Remembrance	Gonalston

Sunday 8th November

10.50am	Remembrance	Oxton
10.50am	Remembrance	Woodborough

Sunday 15th November

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Epperstone

Wednesday 18th November

12 noon	Holy Communion & shared lunch	Woodborough

Sunday 22nd November

10 am	Holy Communion	Woodborough
11am	All Age Worship	Oxton

Sunday 29th November

6pm	Advent Carols	Epperstone

Carol Services

Thursday 17th December, 7pm – Epperstone
Sunday 20th December, 4pm – Gonalston
Sunday 20th December, 6pm – Oxton
Tuesday 22nd December, 7pm – W'borough

THE ARK ON SUNDAY



CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES, FAMILY FUN, FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & CROISSANTS.

1st Sunday of the month
10 am
St Swithun's Woodborough

Sunday 1st November
Sunday 6th December

Everyone welcome

For further information contact
Annie Hill 07890 776809



Oxton Village Hall

Sunday 8TH November
10am-11am

For more information contact
Sandra Hall 0115 9653901



St. Swithun's, Woodborough

Play Church

Wednesday 11th November
Wednesday 25th November

9.30 – 11am

Contact Annie for more details
07890 776809

Coffee Drop In – Oxton Village Hall



Wednesday
25th November
10.00 – 11.30am



All welcome for a coffee and a chat!

WOODBOROUGH COFFEE DROP IN



10am- 12noon
Wednesday 4th November
Wednesday 2nd December

Woodborough Church Fellowship

The Institute, Roe Lane

Tuesday 10th November 2-4pm

Speaker to be confirmed

All Welcome

Come and Sing!

Epperstone singers are looking for new singers to join them for the upcoming Carol Services. Rehearsals and wine on Wednesdays, 7.30pm in Epperstone Church.

Call Geoff:
07973 315291
Or just turn up!



OXTON ADVENT CRAFTS TREE LIGHTING and RAFFLE

Sunday 6th December



3pm Crafts
4.30pm Tree lighting,
Carols, Raffle,
Mulled Wine
& Mince Pies

VOUCHERS, HAMPERS AND MANY OTHER GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!
Raffle Tickets from early November from: Susan Wilkes 07951 143162
Sandra Hall 07772 002546

Gift Appeal for the Homeless

Help us decorate Oxton's indoor tree with hats (either handmade or bought) and place other useful items under the tree... all to be donated to the homeless at Christmas.



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Safeguarding

Our parish is committed to encouraging an environment where everyone, and especially children and those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and engage in their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.
If you have concerns about the welfare of anyone please contact:
Susan Wilkes: 07951 143162
safeguarding.egowbenefice@gmail.com

THE Parables OF JESUS

Six In-depth Studies

Connecting the Bible to Life

Fortnightly on Thursdays
24th September,
8th, 22nd October
19th November
3rd, 10th December

7.15pm for 7.30-9pm

St Swithun's Church, Woodborough



Please leave any donations of tinned & dried foods in Woodborough Church porch or at the back of Oxton Church for our volunteers to deliver. Thank you

Donations

If you would like to donate towards the work and upkeep of Gonalston Church, please scan this QR code to be taken to our giving site.

Thank you for your kind donation

Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & Woodborough Benefice

November 2026



November a time for Remembering

November invites us to pause. As the days grow shorter and the leaves fall, the season seems to ask us to look back—to remember the people, experiences and sacrifices that have shaped our lives. Remembering is more than recalling names or dates. It is an act of gratitude. We remember those who served in times of conflict, those who worked for peace, and those whose quiet courage supported families and communities through uncertainty and loss. We also remember people close to us whose kindness, wisdom or example still influences the way we live. Memory can carry sadness, but it can also carry responsibility. If we remember the cost of division, we can choose understanding. If we remember the courage of others, we can act with courage ourselves. If we remember the love we have received, we can pass that love on. So, in November, let us make room for silence and reflection. Let us speak the names and share the stories of those we do not want to forget. And when the moment of remembrance has passed, let us carry its meaning into our everyday lives—with gratitude, compassion, and a renewed commitment to peace.

A Prayer of Remembrance

Merciful God, in this month of remembrance we pause with heavy yet grateful hearts. We remember those who left the warmth of home and the embrace of those they loved, never to return. We honour their courage, their selfless sacrifice, and every precious hope and unfinished dream they laid down for the sake of others. Draw close to all who still carry the ache of loss: to families who keep an empty place, to friends who remember a familiar voice, and to communities forever changed by conflict. Hold them in your tender care. Heal the wounds that war leaves behind, and strengthen all who labour for justice, reconciliation, and peace. May their memory live not only in our words, but in the way we choose to live with courage when the path is hard, with compassion for those who suffer, and with a steadfast resolve to make peace. When silence falls, help us to remember each life, each story, and each love that endured. Let us never forget the cost of war and guide our feet in the way of peace. Never giving up in the hope peace will one day come. May the God of hope fill us with all with peace as we trust in Him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen