Morning Prayer on Zoom Please do join us on Monday mornings at 9.30 on Zoom for morning prayer. Please contact lyn.northhartismere@gmail.com to request an emailed copy. The link to join on zoom is below. Everyone is very welcome to join this online service. https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75159090094?pwd=reTtXptalsm6rnlknrlylf1IQJpKZx.1 and the passcode is RYUK4M.

Palgrave Community Centre Charity Coffee Morning Thursday 26th November 2026 from 10.30 to 12.00. At Palgrave Community Centre. Please contact Ann if you need help with transport on 01379 644931

Burgate Church Christmas Fayre Saturday 28th November 11am-2pm for more information please contact Jenni on 02379 783598

RBR Church Christmas Fayre 28th November 12 noon to 3pm in Botesdale Village Hall.

Please pray for the family of the Late Mr Keith Patterson whose funeral will take place at St Nicholas' Oakley on Friday 20th November.

Please pray for the family of the Late Vivian Stevens as they prepare for her funeral in St Nicholas church Oakley on Friday 27th November at 2.30pm

Looking ahead

Christmas Eve Benefice Family Nativity @ St Peter's Palgrave 5pm-5.30pm

Midnight Mass this year will take place in St Mary's Rickinghall at 11.15pm



Green Tip: Send a Card, Not a Click

In our digital age, it is easy to send a quick message, but a handwritten card or note can often mean much more. Rather than buying a new card, consider using one made from recycled materials or repurposing the front of an old card. A thoughtful note can brighten someone's day, reduce feelings of loneliness, and strengthen community connections. Caring for creation is not just about looking after the environment; it is also about caring for one another. This week, take a few minutes to write a note of encouragement to someone who might appreciate it. A small act of kindness can have a lasting impact, and often the greenest gift is simply giving your time and thoughtfulness. 🌿 💌

15th November 2026

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. **Amen**

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

5 Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in
the night. 3 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! 4 But you,
beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the
night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep
as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 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. 9 For God has destined us not for
wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we
are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up
each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25.14–30

14 Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'For it is as
if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he
gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went
away. 16 The one who had received the five talents
went off at once and traded with them, and made
five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who
had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But
the one who had received the one talent went off
and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 'After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them.

[20]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." [21]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." [22]'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." [23]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."
[24]'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; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your
talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours." [26]'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?
[27]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. [28]So take
the talent from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. [29]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. [30]As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

Post Communion Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Praying for those in our Benefice who are unwell, having treatment, are housebound or in need: we pray for Joanne Hope, Jason, Jane, Esther, Catherine, Bridget, Mike Burgess, Doretta Hammond, Marco, Mary Mortlock, Geraldine Rash, Roger True, Sheila Feast, Tom Pace, Antony Atha, Briony, Jean Norton, the Artemi family, Frank Howard, June Shepherd, Peter Creswell and Linda Hall.

A Personal Prayer for the New Week Loving Lord, As I begin this new week, I thank You for the many blessings You have poured into my life. Thank You for Your love, Your faithfulness, and Your constant presence beside me. Thank You for my family, my friends, and for all those whose kindness, support, and encouragement help me along the way. In the parable of the talents, You remind me that each of us has been entrusted with gifts to use in Your service. Help me not to be ruled by fear or self-doubt, but to use the gifts You have given me with confidence, generosity, and joy. Show me how I can serve You in the ordinary moments of each day and help me to recognise the opportunities You place before me. Lord, I pray especially for my own health. Grant me strength where I feel weak, healing where it is needed, and patience when progress seems slow. Help me to care wisely for myself and to trust that You are with me through every challenge and uncertainty. Give me wisdom in my decisions, peace in my worries, and courage when the way ahead seems unclear. May Your Holy Spirit guide my thoughts, words, and actions. I pray for those who are struggling, lonely, sick, or grieving, asking that they may know Your comfort and love. May I live this week faithfully, using all that You have entrusted to me for Your glory. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

If you feel you would like to be prayed with or for **privately,** please contact Rev Helen or for our confidential **Prayer Chain, please** contact Revd. Helen 01379 830003 or Revd. Ginny 07939 321308

Our services on Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

Botesdale 10.30 am Holy Communion CW
Oakley 9.30 am Holy Communion CW
Palgrave 11am Holy Communion CW
Burgate Café Church 11am

Benefice Advent Event All Saints Redgrave as we prepare to enter the season of Advent, why not take some time to pause, create, and reflect with others? Join us for a relaxed and welcoming gathering featuring **Advent crafts, seasonal reflections, fellowship, and refreshments**.

Saturday 5th December 10.00am - 1.30pm
Including a homemade **soup lunch**
Wednesday 16th December 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Including **tea and cake. Everyone is very welcome. To help with catering, please let Revd. Helen or Lyn PB know if you plan to come.**