Dec 2026	Sun 6th Dec Advent 2	Sun 13th Dec Advent 3	Sun 20th Dec Advent 4	Thur 24th Dec Christmas Eve	Fri 25th Dec Christmas Day
Athelington	(no service)		6pm DM Crib Service		
Denham					11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham			4pm EG Carol Service	11.30pm JM Midnight Service	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30 JM for 10am Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion		9.30am JM CW Holy Communion
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion			9.30am RC CW Holy Communion
Syleham	4pm Team Messy Church Christmas party Syleham and Wingfield VH		11.15am JM Carol Service with Amici Choir		9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		4pm JM Carols by candlelight	4pm EG Crib Service	11am JM CW Holy Communion

Sunday 27th Dec, St John the Apostle and Evangelist, 11am, Benefice Communion, Hoxne EG
Weekday carol services at Redlingfield, Denham and Hoxne, see inside.

On the rotas……EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison, JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court, DM - Revd David Mulrenan

Online Services **Every Friday** (not Christmas): Compline on Zoom at 6pm.
For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com
Some church services also live streamed/uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

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Athelington Denham
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December 2026

We have seen his glory…. full of grace and truth……..

Advent Sunday on 29th November marks the beginning of the church's year and the beginning of the season of preparation for Christmas (Don't forget the Advent carols at Athelington church at 4pm). We need to take this time so that we are spiritually ready for the joyful coming into the world of Jesus at Christmas. But we will still anticipate Christmas with the Messy Church Christmas party on Sunday 6th December and carol services in each of our churches from 16th December onwards. And don't miss the opportunity to dress up as a Nativity character for our crib service at Wingfield at 4pm on Christmas Eve – the service is specially designed for the young and young at heart! Full details of all our Christmas services in this newsletter.

As we are surrounded by more and more commercialism at Christmas, it is good to see that Google's AI overview describes the true meaning of Christmas as the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, marking the moment God entered human history as a saviour to bring love, hope, peace and redemption to the world. That's what it's all about. Google also mentions love and compassion, unity and family and hope in darkness. In a sense, all those flow from the central message of Christmas: that God loves us enough to send his Son to be one of us and we should love each other too.

I wish you a very happy Christmas when it comes and a glimpse of his glory, full of grace and truth.

Revd Eleanor

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday. If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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Tuesday 1st

Coffee and cake: drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat.

Wednesday 2nd

The **Redlingfield winter coffee morning** will be held this month at Adair Cottage, Green Lane, from 10am to 12 noon, courtesy of Adrian and Jane Gibson.

Also Wednesday 2nd and every Weds Coffee and delicious eats in **Horham Old School** from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and meet your friends and neighbours.

Friday 4th

The Befriending Group will be at the Depperhaugh, 10.30am (note unusual time) to make decorations for the Depperhaugh Christmas tree for Hoxne church. New members will be very welcome.

Saturday 5th

There will be a **Christmas Crafternoon** at Denham Village Hall from 1 to 3pm, with wreath making, crafts and games, coffee, tea and cakes. Suitable for all ages. Wreath making is £10 and the wreath is yours to take home. Book your place with Helen: 07894 562172. All proceeds to Denham church.

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th

Wingfield church is participating with its own stall in the **Wingfield Barns Christmas Fair.** 10am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday. Free entry. Local crafts and handmade gifts.

Sunday 6th

The **Messy Church Christmas party** takes place at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall at 4pm. Our popular entertainer will be with us again and of course we will have an extra-scrummy tea! All children aged 3-7 and their siblings and carers are very welcome – please let us know for catering purposes if you would like to come along.

Wednesday 9th

The **Community Lunch Club** will be serving a Christmas lunch at Hoxne Village Hall, 11am to 1.30pm. Come for coffee and stay for lunch, served between 12 noon and 1pm. All ages welcome from 0-99 and beyond! Toys and craft activities for children. No need to book: for further information call 01379 668359. A suggested donation of £5 to cover costs would be very welcome.

Wednesday 9th

We will be participating once again with Horham Baptist Church in **Beer and Carols** at Horham Community Centre at 7.15 for 7.30pm. We do requests!

Sunday 13th

The **Christmas trees** will be on show in Hoxne again from now until after Christmas, 10am to 4pm every day.

Tuesday 15th

The **Coffee Caravan** will be at Wingfield Barns, 10am to 12 noon. Pop along for friendly chatter with a cuppa and cake (and sausage rolls!) too.

Wednesday 16th

The **Book Club** will meet at 5pm at the King's Head, Brockdish to discuss *The Wood at Midwinter* by Susanna Clarke. Contact Revd Eleanor if you would like to come along – new members welcome.

Christmas Carol and Crib Services

Sunday 29th November	4pm at Athelington church:	**Advent Carol Service**
Sunday 6th Dec	4pm at Syleham/Wingfield Village Hall:	**Messy Church Christmas party**
Wednesday 16th Dec	6.30pm at Redlingfield church	**Carol Service**
Friday 18th Dec	2.30pm at The Depperhaugh	**Christmas Carols**
Sunday 20th Dec	11.15am at Syleham church	**Carol Service/Amici**
Sunday 20th Dec	4pm at Horham church	**Carol Service**
Sunday 20th Dec	4pm at Wingfield church	**Carols by Candlelight**
Sunday 20th Dec	6pm at Athelington church	**Crib Service**
Tuesday 22nd Dec	6pm at Denham church	**Carol Service**
Wednesday 23rd Dec	6pm at Hoxne church	**Carol Service**
Christmas Eve (24th)	4pm at Wingfield church	**Crib Service** (dressing up welcomed)
Christmas Eve (24th)	11.30pm at Horham church	**Midnight Service**

Friday 18th

We will be singing **Christmas carols at the Depperhaugh** at 2.30pm. Please come and join us!

Saturday 19th

The regular **coffee morning** at Hoxne church will be held as usual from 9.45 to 11.15 am.

Sunday 27th

Please note there will be one service only: **Benefice Holy Communion at Hoxne** at 11am. There will be no service at Syleham or Denham this Sunday.

Looking ahead

Sunday 3rd January Messy Christingle for Epiphany at Syleham church, 4pm.

Please don't forget the Foodbank this Christmas!
07484 394749

Waveney Foodbank
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