Hook Norton Benefice December 2026

Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton

Christingle Service



Sunday 6th December at 4pm at St Peter's Church, Hook Norton

Especially suitable for families. All welcome

St Peter's Church Hook Norton

Sunday 6th December
at 4.00pm
Christingle Family Service

Sunday 20th December
at 6.00pm
Carol Service

Thursday 24th December
at 5.00pm
Christmas Eve Crib Service

Thursday 24th December
at 11.30pm
Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Friday 25th December
at 10.00am
Christmas Morning Service



St Giles' Church Wigginton

Friday 25th December at 10.00am

Christmas Morning Carols



St Andrew's Church Great Rollright

Sunday 13th December
at 6.00pm
Carol Service

Friday 25th December
at 9.00am
Christmas Holy Communion



St Mary's Church Swerford

Saturday 19th December
at 6.00pm
Carol Service

Friday 25th December
at 10.30am
Christmas Holy Communion



Calendar of Services

Sunday 6th December (Advent 2)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
4.00pm	Christingle Service	Hook Norton

No morning worship at Hook Norton
No Evening Prayer at Swerford

Sunday 13th (Advent 3)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wigginton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Hook Norton
6pm	Carol Service	Gt Rollright

Saturday 19th December

6pm	Carol Service	Swerford

Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Swerford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
6.00pm	Carol Service	Hook Norton

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm	Crib Service	Hook Norton
11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Hook Norton

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.00am	Christmas Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
10.00am	Christmas Morning Service	Hook Norton
10.00am	Christmas Morning Carols	Wigginton
10.30am	Christmas Holy Communion	Swerford

Sunday 27th December (Christmas 1)

10.00am	Holy Communion	Hook Norton

Holy Communion (BCP) Wednesdays at 10am at Hook Norton
December Services: 2nd and 16th only
Everyone Welcome

The 30th Craft Fair & Grand Draw held in St Peter's was once again a busy and enjoyable event. The total amount raised was a wonderful £8,351 and we are very grateful to all who helped in any way to make the event such a success. Thank you all, Jan and Becky



Regular Events in Church
All Welcome

Font Café



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

Cake and Bake Sale 19.12.26

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



No coffee morning in December

Hooky Neighbours Pantry

Hook Norton Baptist Church Hall

1st Thursday of the month
1.30pm to 3.00pm

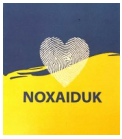


3rd Saturday of month
10am till noon

See posters in village or

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.



Christingle Making

In preparation for the Christingle Service on Sunday 6th December, everyone is welcome to join us for a Christingle making workshop at the Font Cafe, from 10am on Saturday 5th December.



Hook Norton Brass Band
Christmas Concert



Saturday 5th December



Time: 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Hook Norton

Hooky Singers

Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm

Informal and Fun Big Sing.
All welcome to come and join in at
St Peter's Church, Hook Norton





Christmas Eve Family Crib Service



Thursday 24th December

St Peter's Church, Hook Norton at 5pm

Children are invited to dress up as usual.
We need angels, shepherds, wise men, sheep, cows and other animals!

North Cotswold NC3 Chamber Choir

Conductor: Peter Hunt
Saxophone: Karen Sharp
Piano: Lynn Arnold



Saturday 12 December, 7.30pm
St Peter's Church, Hook Norton, OX15 5NH

Tickets £12, 18 and under free
nc3.org.uk/tickets and on the door

Christmas Pop Up Market



St Peter's Church,
Hook Norton
Saturday 19th December
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

We invite families with young children to complete our survey about our proposed Family Service at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KP8QZN5



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

A Big Thank You for the generous cash donation from Chris Town's family to be used in support of Font Cafe, something Chris regularly attended and appreciated.

December 2026 Prayer Focus – Jesus, Light to the World

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it - John 1 verses 4-5

The Christmas reading from John's gospel. No baby or wise men bringing gifts. Instead, John chooses to focus on the purpose for Christ's birth, to bring light into a world tainted by darkness, of war, famine and unhappiness.

Christmas Day is 4 days after the longest night with over 16 hours darkness but for most of us it's a time of good cheer, when the stresses of everyday life are put to one side for 24 hours. But John tells us that Christ came so that darkness will have no hold over us ever. So, as the days start get longer remember that the darkness is behind us.

Let's pray for

·Those for whom the world is a dark place, that they might find light.
·Those for whom Christmas is not a time of good cheer, the homeless, the unemployed, the lonely and in debt.
·Those who worry what the New Year might bring, may they find peace and hope
·And finally, those who will be separated from loved ones at Christmas, members of the military on deployment, or those who are working to care for us

Keith Disney



Thank you to all at St Peter's Church who helped and took part in the All Souls Service and the Remembrance Service

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