

27th November 2022 – Advent Sunday

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Today's Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	27 th	– Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.
Monday	28 th	– Isaiah 42:18-end; Revelation 19.
Tuesday	29 th	-- Isaiah 43:1-13; Revelation 20.
Wednesday	30 th	-- Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 12:20-32 Andrew the Apostle
Thursday	1 st December	– Isaiah 44:1-8; Revelation 21:9-21.
Friday	2 nd	– Isaiah 44:9-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5.
Saturday	3 rd	– Isaiah 44:24-45:13; Revelation 22:6-end.

CHURCH SERVICES

November 27th	8am	St Martin Nacton. BCP Holy Communion
	10am	St Mary Bucklesham. Morning Prayer
	10am	All Saints Hemley. Morning Prayer
	10am	St Mary & St Martin Kirton. Holy Communion
	10am	St Peter Levington. Holy Communion
December 4th	9am	St Ethelbert Falkenham. Morning Prayer
	9am	St Mary Newbourne. Holy Communion
	10am	All Saints Waldringfield. Morning Prayer
	10-30am	St Martin Nacton. Holy Communion
	10-30am	St Peter Levington. Advent Angels crafts

A Prayer for Ukraine

from Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

November Events

Sunday November 27th 6.30 pm Kirton St Mary & St Martin. Church Hall

Ipswich School Big Band See details below

December Events

Saturday 3rd

10 to 12 noon. St Mary's Bucklesham Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning.

Saturday, 3rd

2-4 pm Kirton Christmas Bazaar. See below

Monday 5th

Bucklesham Coffee and Library 10am to 12 noon

Tuesday 6th

Kirton Bible Study 8pm

Wednesday 7th

Mothers' Union 2pm Kirton Church Hall

Monday 12th

Bucklesham Bible Study 2pm

Tuesday 13th

Benefice book club 2pm



Advent Angels

On Sunday December 4th at St. Peter's Levington at 10.30am you are invited to come and make angels to decorate the Christmas tree and learn why angels are such an important part of the Christmas story.

Choose your favourite carol to sing and enjoy some early Christmas refreshments. Come as an angel! All ages welcome.

Kirton Christmas Bazaar. 3rd December. 2-4pm

Free Entry. Plenty of stalls and games for everyone!
Father Christmas will be there!

Ann Patton is running the cake stall and would be very grateful for contributions of cakes. Please deliver direct to Ann or bring them to the hall on the day.

Thanks in anticipation. Ann Patton

Sunday November 27th 6.30 pm

Kirton St Mary & St Martin. Church Hall

Ipswich School Big Band

Bring your own drink and glasses Soft drinks and nibbles provided

Admission by FREE ticket. Retiring collection

Book your tickets through: **Stephen Harvey**

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God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**