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UPCOMING EVENTS : There are a number of events coming up over the next few months to look forward to.

11th December 7 pm	- Julian Prayer meeting at 11 Middle Drift
9th February 2026	- The work of Guy Stagg, a local author, the event being organised by Bow Books
14th February	- Church Quiz
18th April	- Cheese and wine evening
2nd & 4th May	- Book Fayre
19th June	- Hymns and PIMM's
20 th June	- Concert

SUNDAY READING SHEET 30th November 2025 1st Sunday of Advent **A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! *Isaiah 2:1-5*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *Romans 13:11-14*

GOSPEL

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *Matthew 24:36-44*

Royston Parish Church

Where all are welcome and God's love is shared
Sunday 30th November 2025 - 1st Sunday of Advent

If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email the Parish Office at admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk

Sunday 30th November

09:00 - 09:45	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective
10:30 - 11:40	Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments
16:00 - 17:00	Advent Carol Service Choir rehearsal
17:00 - 18:00	Advent Carol Service

There are special services this Sunday as we celebrate the church building coming of the "At Risk" register following the fire. To celebrate with us, Archdeacon Janet, the Archdeacon of Hertford, will be coming to lead the services and to preach.

Monday 1st December

18:00 - 23:00	Christmas Craft event
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Tuesday 2nd December

09:00 - 09:30	Morning Prayer (incorporating prayer requests that have been left in church)
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Wednesday 3rd December

11:00 - 11:25	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective, followed by refreshments
13:00 - 15:30	Knit and Natter (where all are welcome to meet and chat)
18:00 - 19:15	Chorister Practice
18:30 - 20:00	Choir Practice
19:00 - 21:00	Men's Group at Wetherspoons (turn up at any time, all men are welcome to drink & chat)

Thursday 4th December

09:00 - 11:00	Tots in Church
11:00 - 13:00	Church Cleaner
14:30 - 16:00	Ladies' Group (all ladies are welcome for refreshments and chat)
19:00 - 21:00	Bell Ringers Practice

Friday 5th December

09:30 - 10:00	Celtic Prayer (A simple form of Morning Prayer from the Northumbria Community)
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Saturday 6th December

10:00 - 11:30	Church Café (Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate only £2 - Free Biscuits)
14:30 - 17:30	St. Mary's School Concert

Sunday 7th December

09:00 - 09:45	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective
10:30 - 11:40	Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments
15:30 - 17:00	Christingle / TTP

We pray for all Christians worldwide:

For all Christians in **Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore**

For all who are worship at Kneesworth House Hospital: Mark Bridger

For the work of our mission partners: Vietnamese Church: Pastor Na

We pray for the community of Royston:

For our local health centres

For all who work on our local Industrial estates

We pray for our world and ECO projects:

We pray that we may be inspired to do what we can to join in reducing plastic waste, especially as Christmas approaches and we are choosing presents.

We pray for the sick and suffering:

2nd November	9th November	16th November	23rd/30th November
Lee Cockerill	Chris Christou	Val Brown	Peter Coates
Pat Pritchard	Paul & Pat Tidey	Angie & Ken Rushall	Emma & Phil Heath
	Mike Brown	Paula Walker	Peter Foster
Maria Turi	Marion	Keith & Elaine Edwards	Gwen Simmons

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Deceased	Bereaved
Annie Mulcahy	Annette and Paul, family and friends
Olive Watson	Lisa Watson-Wild, family and friends

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

No anniversaries this week

NOTICES

CHURCH HOSPITALITY: Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to be in church during Advent to meet people who come into church to write a message and place it on the tree and to offer a drink or soup. We have the following dates and time that we still need people to sign up for:

Thursday 4th December 11am - 1pm

Friday 19th December 12-4pm

Monday 22nd December 9am-12.30pm

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Tuesday 23rd December 12.30-4pm

Wednesday 24th December 9am-12.30pm

Please let Joanne know if you are willing to sign up for any of these slots

CHRISTMAS JUMPER/BAUBLE SWAP EVENT: Please dig out your Christmas decorations early this year and give them a dust off and sort through. Royston Environmental Group will be in church with us on 28th and 29th November for their Christmas Jumper and Decoration swap. They will collect donations of seasonal clothing or tree decorations in advance or on the day. Simply exchange your donation for a swap token and take away something new to you. It may also be possible to "swap" something for a cash donation if you don't have anything to donate, depending on stock. If you fancy a different look this year, for yourself or for your tree, bring along your old seasonal clothing or tree decorations and swap them for something new to you. Make this Christmas green not white! You can swap decorations for socks, or a jumper for baubles. If you have donations of good quality, clean clothing or decorations you would like to have collected or drop off in advance, please contact chairman@roystonenvironmentalgroup.org.uk or 07968 006018 to arrange.

HELP WANTED! - The church will be open between 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 29th November for the switching on of our Christmas tree lights 10.30 am, with mulled wine and mince pies. If you're able to spare an hour to help serve refreshments, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Thanks in advance from the Events Committee

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE. They'll be available after church services (with the exception of the Remembrance Sunday morning service), Saturday Coffee, and during events at the end of November. Tickets are £1 each, prizes include Christmas Hampers, and all proceeds go to church funds.

MINCE PIES- The Events committee is seeking donations of boxes of mince pies for events throughout Advent. Please make sure they have a good shelf life. They can be left in the kitchen. Many thanks.

PARENT AND CARER CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT: Royston Parish Church - Monday December 1st at 7.30 pm Christmas crafts to make , mince pies , mulled wine and Christmas treats. come and join us.
Book at: <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NzcmioyNQ/t> or speak to Yvonne.