21st and 28th December 2025

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Collect for 21st December

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings – Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-end.

Collect for 28th December

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings – Jeremiah 31:15-17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2:13-18.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 21st - Advent 4

10am	Newbourne	 Christingle
10-30am	Waldringfield	- Holy Communion
4pm	Falkenham	 Carol Service
4pm	Kirton	- Carol Service
6pm	Bucklesham	 Carol Service
6-30pm	Hemley	- Carol Service
6-30pm	Nacton	- Carol Service

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

3pm	Bucklesham	 Crib Service
4pm	Falkenham	 Crib Service
4pm	Levington	 Carol Service
6pm	Newbourne	 Carol Service
11-30pm	Kirton	- Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

9am	Falkenham	- Holy Communion
9am	Hemley	- Family Service
10am	Bucklesham	- Family Service
10am	Nacton	- Family Service
10-30am	Waldringfield	- Family Service

Sunday 28th First Sunday after Christmas

10-30am Levington - Benefice Communion

A date for your diary – **Saturday January 17**th **2026. 12pm to 2pm.**Join us for our annual "Soup & Sweet" in Nacton Village Hall.

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