

Please join us in prayer for:

... for those in need of our prayers:

Louise Harward (HA)(CH) Kate Touhy (CH)
John Edwards (CH) Lita Edgell (CH)

... for those ill, at home or in hospital:

Steve Chicken (CH) Lynne Hammond (CH)
Sarah Ives (SH)

... the family and friends of those who have recently died

Hilary Norman (HA) Thelma Westlake (SH)
Norman Norris (HA)

If you would like to be included in our prayers, if you know of somebody who might be interested, or if you wish to come off the list, then please contact Liesbeth on 781902, or email to l.oosterhof@btinternet.com

How you can support your church financially

Like every other charity, we need your help to be of help in our parishes. To support the work of the churches in our benefice, you can donate by joining the Parish Giving Scheme, or by setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order. We also have Contactless Giving Terminals in all our churches and of course you can still give cash on the collection plate.

Your friendly treasurers can give you further details if needed.

Thank you for your generosity!

This news sheet is available on our websites and delivered by email every week to all those who wish to receive it. If you know of someone who would like to receive this news sheet, please get in touch!

CHELMO HARKSTEAD ERWARTON SHOTLEY

THE NEWS SHEET FOR
THE SHORELINE BENEFICE

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NOTICES FOR Sunday 11 January '26
Baptism of Christ



Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Readings for the Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42.1–9, Psalm 29, Acts 10.34–43,
Matthew 3.13–end

From Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Services, worship and prayer time for the coming week

Next Sunday 18/1/26: Epiphany 2

9.30am BCP Matins, St Mary's, Harkstead

11.00am BCP Holy Communion, St Mary's, Erwarton

The Gravemside Committal Service for Norman Norris

will take place on Friday 16th January at St Mary's, Harkstead followed by tea and cake in the Methodist Chapel in Holbrook. The family will warmly welcome all those who wish to pay their respects.

There will also be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Augustine's Church, Ipswich on Friday 6th February, 2.00pm for all those who wish to attend.

Worship in the Cathedral:

A schedule of regular services in the Cathedral can be found here:

<https://stedscathedral.org/worship/>

The cathedral live streams most of their services on their YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@stedscathedralstreams>

Events @ the Cathedral

Our Cathedral offers a broad program of events including popular & classical concerts, holiday activities, tower tours, talks and lectures, and much more:

Please check the Cathedral's website for more details:

<https://stedscathedral.org/whats-on/>

Pastoral Re-organisation

In order to formalise the benefice of East Bergholt and Brantham to become one benefice including the parishes of Tattingstone and Bentley a draft pastoral reorganisation scheme has been created. As the Shoreline Benefice is part of the same Deanery we have the right to comment on the scheme. The scheme can be accessed here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/consultation>

A printed notice can be found in each church

Shotley Church up-date

Fundraising is about to begin in earnest for the urgent repairs needed in St Mary's, Shotley.

If you have any skills in seeking grants, or organising fundraising activities, or would be willing to turn your hand to any of these, please contact Maureen Coulson (andrew.coulson@btinternet.com) or Revd Liesbeth.

We need your help!

SAVE THE DATE!

Listening Morning for the Benefice

Saturday 14th March, 10.00am, Chelmondiston Church Room

An opportunity to look ahead and **listen to each other and to God**, to focus on what we want for our Benefice going ahead.

Everyone welcome!

PCC Meetings

Chelmondiston: Thursday 5th February, 7.30pm, Church Room

Harkstead: Tuesday 20th January, 7.30pm at Catkin's

Erwarton: Wednesday 14th January, 2.00pm at Jayne's

Shotley: Thursday 15th January, 7.30pm at Maureen's