

# 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Epiphany 2

## THE ORWELL AND DEBEN RURAL BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	- Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.
<b>Monday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 6:11-7:10; Matthew 24:1-14.
<b>Tuesday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 7:11-end; Matthew 24:15-28.
<b>Wednesday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	- Genesis 8:1-14; Matthew 24:29-end.
<b>Thursday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Genesis 8:15-9:7; Matthew 25:1-13.
<b>Friday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	- Genesis 9:8-19; Matthew 25:14-30
<b>Saturday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	- Genesis 11:1-9; Matthew 25:31-end.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 2**

9am	Falkenham	Holy Communion
10am	Bucklesham	All Age Praise
10am	Nacton	Morning Prayer
10am	Newbourne	Morning Prayer
10-30am	Waldringfield	Holy Communion
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Hemley</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 3**

10am	Bucklesham	Morning Prayer
10am	Hemley	Morning Prayer
10am	Kirton	Holy Communion
10am	Levington	Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Epiphany 4**

9am	Falkenham	Morning Prayer
<b>10am</b>	Newbourne	Holy Communion
10am	Waldringfield	Morning Prayer
10-30am	Nacton	Holy Communion

## **January Events**

**Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2026. 12pm to 2pm.**

Join us for our annual “*Soup & Sweet*” in Nacton Village Hall.

Donations to St Martin’s Church Fund

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Prayers for Persecuted church – Kirton - 2pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Community Tea Shop – Kirton Church Hall – 2:30 to 4pm

## **Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> – Evening Service**

The Jubilate Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong at

All Saints Hemley at 6pm

**The Welcome and Enthronement  
of the Right Reverend Dr Joanne Woolway Grenfell  
as the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich**

**Saturday 24 January 2026 at 2.00pm | St Edmundsbury Cathedral**

We are pleased to share that a limited number of congregational places are now available at the above service. Approximately 200 places available and they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to register your interest, please call the Cathedral Office on 01284 748720.

## **Change of time from February 1<sup>st</sup>**

From Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>, the service of Holy Communion at  
St Mary Newbourne will begin at 10am.

Holy Communion at St Martin Nacton will remain at 10-30am

## **FALKENHAM SNOWDROP DAY –FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

The churchyard at St Ethelbert's is renowned for its beautiful carpet of snowdrops. Every year, this provides a backdrop for what has become an important event in Falkenham's social calendar – our Snowdrop Day!

Snowdrop Day 2026 will be on **Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>**. Coffee, tea and homemade cake will be served between 10 am and 2pm, with homemade soup and a roll at lunchtime. It's a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours so come along for a chat and see the lovely snowdrops!

There is no charge, but donations will be invited for the refreshments. Funds raised will be put towards the repairs that are needed to the Church Tower.