

St Benet's at Waxham and Tunstead Deanery Prayer Diary December 2021 - February 2022

Please pray this week for.....

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| 1 - 5 Dec | - | all the churches across the Diocese as we prayerfully commit this year to the guidance of the Holy Spirit |
| | - | residents and staff at residential and care homes |
| | - | those working in arts and entertainment |
| 6 - 12 Dec | - | North Walsham benefice in vacancy |
| | - | all involved in school nativities and carol services - that together we may experience the wonder of God's love this Christmas time |
| | - | those administering the vaccination programme |
| 13 - 19 Dec | - | Wroxham benefice |
| | - | Ministry teams across the deanery and all preparing for Christmas services |
| | - | for families expecting children |
| 20 - 26 Dec | - | those for whom Christmas will be difficult; all who are grieving |
| | - | those who provide the ministry of music in our services |
| | - | wisdom in our response to the climate emergency |
| 27 Dec - 2 Jan | - | the Waterside group in vacancy |
| | - | retired clergy across the deanery, giving thanks for their ministry among us |
| | - | those who are sleeping rough and for all organisations offering support |
| 3 - 9 Jan | - | Smallburgh benefice in vacancy |
| | - | Refugee families settling in Norfolk |
| | - | our local schools as they return this week |
| 10 - 16 Jan | - | Stalham benefice in vacancy |
| | - | those in financial difficulty |
| | - | those preparing to be married this year |
| 17 - 23 Jan | - | Kings Beck benefice in vacancy |
| | - | our ecumenical colleagues across the deanery, in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| | - | those who work in the hospitality industry - local pubs and restaurants |
| 24 - 30 Jan | - | St Benedict's Benefice |
| | - | Bishops Graham and Alan, and Archdeacon Steven in their care for this deanery |
| | - | our local funeral directors and crematorium staff |
| 31 Jan - 6 Feb | - | all who volunteer across our deanery in many different capacities |
| | - | those who work outside |
| | - | the Dean and Chapter and Community at Norwich Cathedral |
| 7 - 13 Feb | - | our Archbishops, Justin and Stephen |
| | - | those who are unemployed |
| | - | members of General Synod as they meet this week |
| 14 - 20 Feb | - | Coastal Group |
| | - | all at sea over the winter months, and their families |
| | - | those discerning vocation, and training for ministry |
| 21 - 28 Feb | - | all who work for the Diocese |
| | - | Deanery Synod as we meet this week |
| | - | those caring for loved ones |



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So much good news to share with you in this quarter's edition!

I am delighted to say that appointments have been made for both the benefices of Waterside and North Walsham. We look forward to welcoming the Revd Gary Noyes at Waterside who will be joining us from the Worcester Diocese, and Fr David Warner at North Walsham from the Manchester diocese. Hopefully, dates for their inductions will be in place before too long. Please hold both Gary and David in your prayers as they prepare to join us.

We also continue to pray for the benefice of Kings Beck in vacancy, and for the benefices of Stalham and Smallburgh as they work on their parish profile.

I would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all who have enabled the life and ministry of churches in vacancy, and especially at Waterside which has been rather lengthy. Thank you to their ministry teams, local, visiting and retired clergy, churchwardens, PCC members, congregations and all who have continued to give so much to the life of the church and live out their faith demonstrating God's love in our communities.

It is also good to know that Judith Gardiner from Catfield is training to be a Licensed Lay Minister. If this is something you feel you might be interested in, I am sure Judith would be very happy to share her experience with you. Lay ministry is a vital part of the life of our benefices and our deanery, and there are currently 10 licensed lay ministers and 8 Authorised Worship Assistants across our deanery.

I would also like to thank all who have worked so hard to pay Parish Share this year. Parish Share is vital to the provision of ministry across our deanery, and I am especially grateful to those who have paid in full. I am sure we are all doing all we can to meet this challenge, and there is of course still time before the end of the year for the figures to increase further! In order to help diocesan cash flow, where possible, if parishes are able to make a regular payment by direct debit, this assists with the diocesan budget. Sadly, 12 members of staff were made redundant from Diocesan House due to budget constraints, and clergy numbers have been reduced in this deanery and across the diocese for this reason. So, it is vital that we do what we can to make our Share in full.

Our next deanery synod is the Christmas social which will take place in Happisburgh church room on Monday 13th December. Please bring a plate of finger food to share, and come and enjoy a glass of something festive as we gather together. For the safety of everyone, it would be helpful if you could take a lateral flow test before coming, and consider wearing a face-covering when moving around.

And on New Year's Day, you are very welcome to join together for a bracing deanery walk, setting off from Happisburgh church room at 10.30 am and walking for about an hour. Roadside parking is available. A soup lunch is available from 12 pm in Happisburgh church room, and Happisburgh church tower will also be open (weather permitting of course).

You will see further on in the newsletter that there is one further course of Living in Love and Faith being offered in January on Zoom. Please do take advantage of this offer if you are able to. And we hope to offer a deanery Lent course this year, so please look out for details of this through your local clergy.

As we begin this season of Advent in joyful anticipation of the celebration of our Saviour's birth, I pray that we may know afresh the love and good news of the Christ-child at the heart of this Christmas and always.

With God's blessing.
Catherine

Revd Canon Catherine Dobson
Rector of The Coastal Group Rural Dean, St Benets at Waxham and Tunstead

Mothers' Union

[Broadland Area]

MOTHERS UNION

The past few months have been a bit of a roller coaster for MU members.

Sadly, our Diocesan president, Val Ovenden died suddenly, memorial services are planned in Lowestoft (1st Dec. 11,30am at St. Margaret's) and Aylsham (8th Dec, 11.30am at St. Michael's) for those who were unable to attend her funeral in Wroxham. Val was also a member of Wroxham Benefice branch which now has new leaders following the passing of Suzanne Barnett.

On a more cheerful note, branches are now back to meeting in person, programmes are being planned for next year and Advent/Christmas activities for this December are in place.

A carol service is being held at 2.30pm in St. Cuthbert's, Sprowston on 13th Dec.



I am hoping to arrange a Broadland Area meeting early in the new year at North Walsham, so we can take stock of where we are and think about the way forward for our groups.

As we look forward to Christmas and the new year, may we remember the journey taken by the Holy Family and ask as we journey forwards we may show the same love, care and obedience to God's will.

God bless you all.

Sue.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Norwich

The Friends of St Benet's Abbey

St Benet's Abbey in Ludham is looking for new volunteers to join the friendly volunteer tour guide team. Volunteer guides meet and greet visitors on their arrival to this iconic site and take them around the abbey telling them about the history and people associated with it. Tours are May -September on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2pm (lasting 45-60 minutes) and no previous knowledge of the site is needed, just a willingness to learn. The role is flexible and will suit those who enjoy being outdoors.

The team are looking for volunteers who enjoy chatting with others, have good communication skills and are able to commit to 2 tours a month during the season. Volunteers need to be able attend ad hoc events and meetings during the year, and have good mobility to get around this rural site

Full training and induction is offered, plus ongoing support. This role gives individuals the chance to learn more about local history, plus the opportunity to meet new people and make friends. Volunteering at St Benet's Abbey allows sharing personal experiences and skills whilst supporting the charitable work of the Norfolk Archaeological Trust who manage the site.

To find out more about the role and how to get involved please contact Jules Armour, Volunteer Co-ordinator at



julesarmour@norfarchtrust.org.uk or visit www.norfarchtrust.org.uk

Coastal Group [www.coastalgoup.org.uk]

Bacton, Happisburgh, Hempstead, Lessingham & Eccles, Ridlington, Sea Palling & Waxham, Walcott, Witton]
Bacton

St Andrews Church Bacton Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 11th December
10-30am—4-30pm
Christmas Carols round the trees at 3pm
Sunday 12th December
12pm—4-30pm
Refreshments available on both days
Everyone Welcome

Hempstead with Eccles and
Lessingham

The Carol Service is at Hempstead
Church 2.00pm Sunday December
19th
All welcome.



In January and February our services will take place at Lessingham Village Hall in the meeting room.

They are: January 9th Church Family Service 10.30am;
February 6th Holy Communion 9.00am and February 13th Church Family Service 10.30am.

Mrs Heather Willey has retired from the PCC. She has been a supporter of the parish churches all her life and has been a member of the PCC and Church Warden. She is remembered by many as the organiser and founder member of the successful fund-raising cake stall. The PCC is grateful for all her work and wishes her well.

Wroxham Benefice

[Wroxham, Hoveton, Belaugh & Tunstead]

*Come and join us for our Christmas Coffee Morning
on Wednesday 8th December at
Hoveton St John Church from 10.00am.*

*There will be Christmas goodies
to eat &
a Christmas gift table,
bring & buy Stall with lots of
once
completed jig saws & a raffle.
Everyone welcome.*



*January Coffee Morning is on 12th
February Coffee Morning is on 9th*

*Monthly Coffee Mornings in Hoveton St John will be held on
the 2nd Wednesday of every month providing they are no
Covid restrictions.*



United Benefice of King's Beck

[Banningham, Colby, Felmingham, Skeyton, Sloley, Suffield, Swanton Abbott & Tuttington]

At the time of writing this, we remain in a Vacancy, however are hopeful that applicants will be heading our way in the not-too-distant future, with God's blessing. We continue to work together as a team with the support of both retired clergy and clergy from nearby benefices, enabling us to hold a service every Sunday in one of our parishes with baptisms, funerals and weddings being held in the normal way.

As well as our usual Sunday services, some of our seasonal events in December are:

4th Swanton Abbott Church is holding a Christmas Coffee morning 10.30 – 12.30 with Crafts for Children.

11th Felmingham Church is holding a Christmas Coffee morning 10.00 – 1.00pm with Father Christmas visiting at 11.00 and Crafts for Children.



15th Tuttington Village hold their annual Carols on the Green around the Christmas Tree at 6.30pm.

19th Felmingham Church hosts the Benefice Carol Service at 10.00am.



24th December at Tuttington Church is the Family Crib Service at 4.00pm.

25th December Christmas morning our service is at Swanton Abbott at 10.00am.



31st December, the bells at Felmingham will "ring out the Old Year and ring in the New Year".

January begins with our Epiphany Service at Banningham on Sunday 2nd January

Heather McEwen, Lay Chair, King's Beck PCC

North Walsham Benefice

[North Walsham, Edingthorpe, Worstead & Westwick]

Morning Prayer 9.00 am being said daily in the Lady Chapel (Mon-Sat at St Nicholas) Start the day in prayer – all welcome.

Fridays – 9.30 am Prayers and flections in the Memorial Chapel.

Tuesday 30th November

12.30 pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Payne. St Nicholas'

Wednesday 1st December

9.30-1.30 pm Parish Office open St Nicholas'

10-12 noon Knitting Group St Nicholas'

10-11.30 am Worstead Wednesday St Mary's Worstead

Thursday 2nd December

9.30-1.30 pm Parish Office open St Nicholas'

9.00 am Coffee morning for Halls Fund St Nicholas Room

10.30 am Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel St Nicholas'

4-5 pm Boys' Choir Practice St Nicholas'

7.15-8.45 pm St Nicholas Voices rehearsal St Nicholas'

Friday 3rd December

9.30 am Prayer and Quiet time with Elizabeth Memorial Chapel St Nicholas'

Saturday 4th December

10-3 pm Made in Worstead Craft Fayre St Mary's

Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas'

9.15 am Morning Prayer St Mary's

10.15 am Sunday Kids St Nicholas' Room

10.30 am Parish Communion St Nicholas'

12.15 pm Holy Baptism of Bailey St Nicholas'

5.00 pm Choral Evensong St Nicholas'



Benefice of St Benedict

[Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Irstead, Horning, Neatishead]

*New Victory Hall Christmas Fair on
Saturday 4 December
9.30am-12 noon.*

*There will be lots of stalls, refreshments,
competitions and a Grand Draw.
Santa will be there to collect any
Christmas letters and he may even have
a present for every child.
All welcome.*



*You can also see the unique
2021 Christmas Tree
provided by the Knit & Stitch
Group.*



*An evening of Christmas Music and
entertainment with Norfolk Wherry Brass.
Friday 17 December at 7.30pm*

*Entry is free, but to manage
numbers please collect
complimentary tickets in
advance from White House
Stores.*

*Mulled wine and mince pies
will also be free of charge.
Just a raffle on the night so
come prepared.*



Waterside Benefice

[Catfield, Hickling, Ludham, Potter Heigham,]

Bishop Graham Visits the Waterside.

St. Catherine's Church in Ludham hosted Bishop Graham to a Waterside Benefice service of Advent carols and readings on Sunday 28th November.

One of the aims of the service was to celebrate the completion of the modernisation of the church, finally accomplished after many years of fundraising and works. The church is now re-decorated, fully heated and well-lit, with a modern kitchen, disabled and normal WCs and additional storage, including provision for the flower arrangers - complete with inside water supply and sink. Most of these are in the tower base, underneath a new ringing gallery, which has been greeted with joy by the bellringers, as the now shorter ropes make the ringing much less hard work.

The Bishop dedicated the new works and cut a ribbon at the end of the service, which was followed by refreshments. Now begins the work of rebuilding our congregation from the depredations of covid.

Bishop Graham admires the new oak panelling.



Dedication and ribbon cutting



Waterside Benefice

[Catfield, Hickling, Ludham, Potter Heigham,]

HAYLEY AND BEN THE CLASSICAL DUO PRESENTS



A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

THE CLASSICAL DUO BRING TO ST. MARYS CHURCH, HICKLING
A FESTIVE TREAT OF CLASSICAL MUSIC, MUSICAL THEATRE,
JAZZ AND CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES IN WHAT IS SURE TO BE A
NIGHT TO REMEMBER.

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 7.30PM
ST MARYS CHURCH, HICKLING NR12 0BQ

ALL SEATS £15
INCLUDES MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

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Stalham Benefice

[Stalham, Sutton, Ingham, East Ruston & Brunstead]

With the retirement of Canon Simon Lawrence, we are in interregnum, but are fortunate to have an active ministry team, ordained and lay, and some active and willing volunteers. Highlights of recent weeks have included a well-attended Remembrance Day Service, with beautiful and moving music by Norfolk Wherry Brass, and a Service to celebrate the donation of children's Christmas shoe boxes).

The annual Christmas Tree Festival, from 4th to 12th December, is ever-popular, and Christmas and Epiphany will be celebrated by special services as usual.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection

This year a hundred shoe boxes and a substantial amount of cash were donated. At a special service at St Mary's, Stalham, in November, Organiser Dawn writes, "A big thank you to everyone who brought boxes, or gave items to make up boxes, or money to send them on their journey. We sent 100 boxes and a cheque for £345 to cover the cost of sending them and a donation." After the service, Andrew took the boxes to a collection point for onward transmission. Our photo shows the boxes piled up around the font, with Andrew, Dawn and Dawn's granddaughter Molly.

For details of our Christmas and Epiphany services, please see our website www.stalhambenefice.org.uk

Until this year we have paid our Parish share in full. This has been after a tremendous effort on each individual both physically and financially. This year however, it isn't possible. We should be starting on our building project new kitchen/toilet and vestry, so have had to hold some back for that. The friends of the church have been an enormous support in raising the money as has Colonel Ken Grapes from Ludham. We are so looking forward to the opening about which you'll hear more next year. We will have our usual 'Pay to stay away day' in January. Not from Church! But from an event that we might have had. It's a bit of fun really, just our name for a gift day at Church.