Wimbish Church Newsletter



December 2026/January 2027

WIMBISH CHURCH

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN & ALL SAINTS DEBDEN

All Saints, Wimbish

Sunday 6th December: Advent 2
9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th December: Advent 4
3.00 pm Carol Service
Thursday 24th December: Christmas Eve
3.00 pm Nativity Service
Friday 25th December: Christmas Day (joint with Debden)
10.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd January: Christmas 2
9.30 am Village Worship
Sunday 17th January: Epiphany 2
10.30 am Holy Communion

St Mary The Virgin, Debden

Sunday 6th December: Advent 2
5.00 pm Christingle
Sunday 13th December: Advent 3
9.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th December:Advent 4
6.30 pm Carol Service
Thursday 24th December: Christmas Eve
5.00 pm Nativity Service
9.00 pm Midnight in Bethlehem Communion Service (**joint with Wimbish**)
Sunday 10th January: Epiphany 1
9.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th January: Epiphany 3
9.00 am Café Church

St Mary's Saffron Walden

Sunday 27th December: Christmas 1
10.30 am Team Service
Sunday 31st January: Epiphany 4
10.30 am Team Service

Wimbish Parish Church, Off Maple Lane, CB10 2XG
St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish Tye Green, CB10 2XE (next to Wimbish School)
Debden Parish Church, Church Lane, CB11 3LD

Letter from the rectory - December 2026

Christmas is almost here and, for some of us, preparations have been under way for some time. Preparation is always the key to being organised, along with good planning, because you never know what might happen at the last moment. As the Guide and Scout motto reminds us: “Be prepared.” That’s precisely my aim, even though I am somewhat behind on the domestic front!

Preparation is also a key part of our journey towards Christmas. It begins with Advent, a word derived from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival”. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and is observed by the Western Church as a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus and, indeed, for his second coming. We light our Advent candles each Sunday and observe the liturgical colour purple, reflected in three of the Advent candles, while the others are pink and white. We watch. We wait. And we endeavour to be prepared.

When Christmas Day arrives, one of the things I most enjoy watching is ‘*A Christmas Carol’* by Charles Dickens. So inspired was Dickens by the Christmas season that it features prominently in several of his writings. It’s a story we probably all know well, but within its narrative is something that resonated particularly with me when I visited his London home, now a fascinating museum and well worth a visit.

One of the central characters is Scrooge, who is given the gift of time by the Christmas Spirits. Time is exactly what he needs: time to reflect on the wrongs of his past, the hurt he has caused, and the opportunity to put things right. As a result, he presents the Cratchit family with a turkey for their Christmas dinner instead of the modest meal they had expected. Yet this act of generosity was more than the gift itself. It revealed a profound change of heart and demonstrated that people matter most. Not presents. Not glitter. People.

As we look beyond Christmas and towards the new year, this message of gratitude feels especially important. At Wimbish Church, 2027 will be observed as a **Year of Thanksgiving**, an opportunity to give thanks for God's many blessings, both great and small. In a world that can so easily focus on what is lacking, we will be encouraging each other and those around us to recognise all that we have received: the gift of faith, the support of family, friends and community, the beauty of creation, and the countless ways in which God's love is shown to us each day. Thanksgiving changes our perspective and reminds us that every good gift comes from God.

The Christ Child, born at Christmas, is the ultimate gift of love for which we should all be giving thanks. There is no magic here, but divine intervention that tells us we are loved so deeply that God gave us his only Son. I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Revd Lynda

Look out for our programme of events starting in the New Year!

A view from the fly on the Church wall

I've just read Reverend Lynda's letter, which is about preparation for the 'Big Day', whether that is the birth of Jesus (Christmas Day), or the second coming of Jesus the Messiah at a time yet to be confirmed. Well, the shops seem to have gone overboard with their preparation for Christmas. The produce was out even before Halloween was over. Have we seen that before? I call that a little bit crazy. I personally don't want to see anything Christmassy in the shops till after Remembrance Day.

Remembering those who have died to keep this country and the world free from tyranny is very important. This country would have been a very different place without their sacrifice. So I think that looking back occasionally, is just as important as looking and going forward. During Christmas time, will you be raising a glass to members of your family that are no longer with you? Perhaps sharing fond memories, and maybe a bit of a chuckle? I know I will. Because they have helped to shape us into the people we are today.

Of course, that is what we are doing when we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Looking back two thousand years to recall that amazing story of Christ's coming onto this earth as a tiny baby.

We invite you all to our Christmas services down at our church. Sing along at our Carol Service. Come and support the children as they fill the stable with the Nativity figures on Christmas Eve. There will probably be some audience participation as well. On Christmas Day we have our main service where we give thanks to God for the best present ever, the baby Jesus.

I wish you all Christmas joy.

Peter
Churchwarden

Worship and Word Prayer Group, St Paul's, Wimbish

This is a short informal time of prayer and reflection around the daily office service of Evening Prayer. We include prayer for each other, the life of the churches, the needs of those from around the world, and of course for those we hold dear. You are welcome to join us, with no expectation to pray aloud.

5.00 - 5.45 pm on Wednesday 6th, 20th January

For prayer requests please contact Peter Gray 07901 946440

Wimbish Coffee Mornings

St Paul's Mission Hall



12th December, 9th January **10 to 11.30am**

Coffee, tea, soft drinks plus delicious home-made cakes and bakes.

Cake Stall, Produce and Preserves for sale.

We also have a selection of pre-loved items for sale and great prizes in our raffle.

All Welcome!

TEA AND CHAT AT ST PAUL'S



Meets the first Monday afternoon of the month 2 - 4 pm
Come along to the warm and friendly environment of St Paul's Mission Room for chat, games, puzzles and activities
Refreshments provided.

Monday 14th December
Carols
Monday 11th January
Elaine Corke Story Telling
Monday 1st February
SW Ukelele Group

DEBDEN SCHOOL CHURCH MICE (held in church)

Church Mice meet monthly from 13.30 - 14.30

There will be no Church Mice in December. Our next session is on 21st January 2027 in church when our theme will be 'Noah's Ark'!

For more information please contact Reverend Lynda 01799 796193

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At Christmas

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And distant music trembling on the air.

On hills afar the shepherds tend their fires;
They see the star above the cattle stall
And leave at once the fire, the flocks, the hill
To seek the child, the King, the Lord of all.

They bring their love and homage to the King.
They know 'tis he, though laid in stable bare,
And they are first to kneel with offering
And see him, safe in gentle Mary's care.

So may we come and offer gifts to him,
Our love, our sadness, hopes and joys we bring
To lay them at the feet of Christ the child,
The Infant Saviour, Sovereign Lord and King.







Janet Swan

Advent Course - The Unsung women of the Gospels

This Advent, we will be walking alongside the women whose quiet faithfulness helped shape the Gospels. Join us as we imagine their lives, hear their voices, and discover how these vital figures still speak to our faith today.

3.30 pm - St Paul's Mission Hall
25th November, 2nd, 9th December.

Refreshments to follow.
Please register your interest to Revd Lynda

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WIMBISH CHURCH

2027

A year of thanksgiving

As our Vicar mentioned in her recent letter, **2027 is going to be a year of Thanksgiving for Wimbish Church.**

There are so many people involved with the church whom we often take for granted, and we want to start by using this coming year to celebrate and appreciate all of our **volunteers**.

This appreciation extends far beyond our loyal Sunday congregation to the wider Wimbish community, who step up to support the church in countless ways.

The Churchyard Working Party. Meeting on Saturday mornings periodically throughout the year, this dedicated group keeps the churchyard in order. Their hard work includes trimming trees, clearing paths, tidying around graves, and preparing the grounds for Remembrance Sunday.

The Newsletter Delivery Team. This publication is distributed free of charge to 350 houses in Wimbish, which simply wouldn't be possible without the reliable volunteers who cover the routes to deliver it, whatever the season or the weather.

Inside the church, our services and upkeep rely on several key groups. While we do not have a permanent Church Choir, we are incredibly grateful to the choir that kindly turns up to support our major services whenever needed, making them beautiful occasions. We also thank our Flower Arrangers, who ensure there are fresh flowers in the church every service, and the small Rota of Cleaners who keep both All Saints and St Paul's looking immaculate.

Our fundraising events, particularly the coffee mornings and the annual bazaar, rely heavily on the people who knit, sew, preserve and bake for our stalls. Their time, effort, and homemade treats are central to making these sales a success.

Similarly, major events like Summer Fetes and Flower Festival depend on the wider community of Wimbish. Many residents who are not regular churchgoers generously turn up to pitch tents, manage the car park, run various stalls, help with the washing-up, and show visitors around the church. This includes our neighbours at Wimbish Barracks, who regularly lend us tents and gazebos.

Our events are further enriched by the musical acts and storytellers who give their time for free, as well as the local enthusiasts who share their knowledge of parish wildlife—such as moths, bees, birds and bats - giving us all a chance to learn. Thank you also to those who contribute articles, adverts, donations and content to keep this newsletter running.

Lastly, we are deeply thankful for the financial and material generosity shown to the church. Whether you give regularly, support our festivals, donate raffle prizes, or make cakes, your practical support keeps the church running. Wimbish Church is built on this shared village effort, and we thank you all for your support as we enter this year of thanksgiving.

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Be ready for whatever the weather brings

There's been plenty of conversation recently about being prepared for emergencies, with the Government's new Be Ready campaign encouraging households to think about how they would cope if everyday services were disrupted for a few days.

But what does being prepared actually look like, particularly if you live in a rural community?

At Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS), we know that living in the countryside can bring its own challenges when extreme weather strikes. From flooding and storms to prolonged dry spells and wildfires, severe weather can affect our homes, roads and the services we rely on.

We want to encourage residents to take a few simple steps to help keep themselves, their homes and their neighbours safe.

A few things you can do today:

- **Think ahead:** Keep a torch, spare batteries, a charged power bank, essential medication and some long-life food andbottled water at home in case of a power cut or disruption to supplies.
- **Know your local risks:** Check whether your property or nearby roads are prone to flooding. Think about alternative routes if roads become impassable.
- **Reduce fire risks:** During dry weather, keep grass and vegetation around your property under control. Take extra care with barbecues and never leave them unattended.
- **Prepare for storms:** Check gutters, drains, fences and roof tiles, and secure garden furniture and other items that could be blown around in strong winds.
- **Look out for neighbours:** If you live in a more isolated location, agree how you could check in on elderly or vulnerable neighbours if bad weather affects power, phone signal or road access.

A little preparation goes a long way

Being prepared doesn't mean expecting the worst or buying lots of extra equipment. It's about thinking ahead, knowing what to do and looking out for one another.

Rural communities are often well placed to support each other, and a little local knowledge and preparation can make a real difference when an emergency happens.

For more advice on staying safe in rural areas, visit www.essex-fire.gov.uk/rural.

Chloe Culling
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CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 20th December
WIMBISH CHURCH
at 3pm
and
DEBDEN CHURCH
at 6.30pm

followed by refreshments

Christmas Services

WIMBISH CHURCH

20TH DECEMBER
CAROL SERVICE AT 3PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
NATIVITY AT 3PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION AT 10.30AM

ALL WELCOME!

In and Around Wimbish

WIMBISH WALKERS
Meets on the second Sunday of the month. Walks in Wimbish, or exploring the surrounding villages. Join us for a walk around some of the local footpaths.
Contact: Penny Browne pennybrowne@hotmail.com
https://www.wimbish.org.uk/wimbish-walkers.html

WIMBISH PARISH COUNCIL
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall
https://www.wimbish.org.uk/wimbish-parish-council-contacts.html

WIMBISH CHURCH WEBSITE
https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19645/

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Meets the first Monday afternoon of the month at St Paul's Mission Hall 2 - 4 pm. All Welcome.

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All welcome to attend. Free refreshments after!
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DEBDEN BROWNIES
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Musings from Peter Sebbage - Debden Rectory

Keep Taking the Tablets

A few days ago, I was rummaging through the undergrowth at the bottom of the garden when I trod on a long thorn from a sloe branch. It not only pierced my Crocs but also my foot. I must admit it was a bit wimpish to complain, but the prolonged aching caused a sleepless night.

That was until, deftly and almost furtively, I felt around in the first-aid cupboard for a remedy. I might add that the cupboard contained enough potions, make-up products and shower items to rival a Boots store. In the darkness of the night, I found the remedy that was able to ease the pain and provide lasting comfort.

At last, sleep arrived. However, I was woken far too early by Lynda, who asked why a box of pills was sitting on my bedside cabinet. After I explained the aforementioned circumstances, she informed me that the pills were not intended for sore feet but were, in fact, a remedy for constipation.

"Well," I replied, "I seem to have found a panacea for many ailments." I then suggested that I might be on the cutting edge of medical science.

It's strange how the seemingly mundane can lead to the profound. Jesus said, "I am the way," not necessarily as a remedy for physical discomfort, but as a guide for how we should live our lives, both materially and spiritually. He is the panacea for all our woes, if only we would place wealth, power and status on the back burner.

During Advent and Christmas, we have the opportunity to reflect on the coming of God into a broken world, where we can experience the real hope and joy that the Incarnation brings.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Peter Sebbage

BIRD WATCH

SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2027 10AM - 11 AM

Join us at All Saints Church, Wimbish to record the wildlife that we see.

Hot drinks and snacks provided.

‘Thankful for a chance to celebrate our environment and nature’.



Angel Festival



WIMBISH CHURCH

21ST + 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

2 - 4PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Come to Wimbish Church and view a festive display of angel-themed arts and crafts, created by local artists, schools, and community groups

Wimbish Primary Academy
Nurture • Enrich • Inspire

Well, we have had a rather busy start to the new academic year! It has been a full on half term of nearly 8 weeks and we have had: a Bedtime story/parent session, where children have come back to school in their pyjamas to show their parents/carers their new classroom and teacher as well as hear a story and drink hot chocolate; the Phonics Workshop where parents/carers have learnt all about the way the younger children learn to read; the SEND Café to inform parents/carers how we include all children in our teaching and their learning; the Wimbish Walk where we dressed up as animals and walked around the field for sponsorship money to buy outdoor equipment to enhance their play time; the Key Stage 2 Roman experience afternoon, where children dressed up as Romans and experienced what life might have been like as well as OFSTED visiting us on the second week of the new academic year! I am absolutely thrilled with the published OFSTED report as it sums up exactly what every day school life is like at Wimbish Primary Academy. Over the two-day inspection, the inspectors recognised strong standards in inclusion and leadership and governance, and judged all other areas to meet the expected standard.

Above all, we are proud that inspectors found our pupils “are happy” and “feel safe and valued.” They recognised the warm, respectful relationships across our school and the confidence children develop during their time with us.

We are also delighted at how the report has captured the care and community of our whole school community. Our values of Nurture, Enrich, and Inspire were echoed throughout and guide everything we do, from helping children feel understood to giving them opportunities to discover new interests and believe in what they can achieve.

The full Ofsted report can be found on our website, but I wanted to share some personal highlights that I hope you will join me in celebrating.

· “Pupils feel safe and valued. They trust the adults to help them when they have worries.”

· “Leaders work with relentless determination to meet the needs of pupils. Pupils flourish academically and socially.”

· “Pupils engage positively with their learning. They share their ideas willingly, discuss their work and explain their thinking with confidence and clarity. Across the curriculum, pupils develop their knowledge and skills securely.”

· “Teachers have access to detailed information about pupils. This helps them adapt the learning for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities effectively.”

· “Behaviour is calm and orderly. Lessons are free from disruption, enabling pupils to focus on their learning.”

· “Leaders have introduced a range of new opportunities for pupils to explore their wider talents and interests. Club have a monthly theme and include multisports and art clubs, with around half of the school population participating in at least 2 clubs.”

· “Pupils appreciate opportunities to work with other schools in the trust. These experiences broaden their horizons and give them opportunities to make new friends. They also help them to develop confidence, self-esteem and aspirations for the future. Pupils are ready for their next steps.”

I am proud of Wimbish Primary Academy; our pupils and our dedicated staff and thankful for your continued support. We look forward to building on our achievements and will continue to nurture, enrich and inspire every child.

Nicky Butcher
Interim Executive Head

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

DEBDEN CHURCH

Sunday, 6th December 2026 at 5pm

- Come and make your own Christingle! With storytelling, singing, and candlelight
- Refreshments served
- Donations to The Children's Society
- All ages welcome



TAIZE SERVICE

WIMBISH CHURCH

22nd November 2026 at 5pm

A service of light with music and reflection



Nativity Service

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wimbish Church at 3pm
Debden Church at 5pm

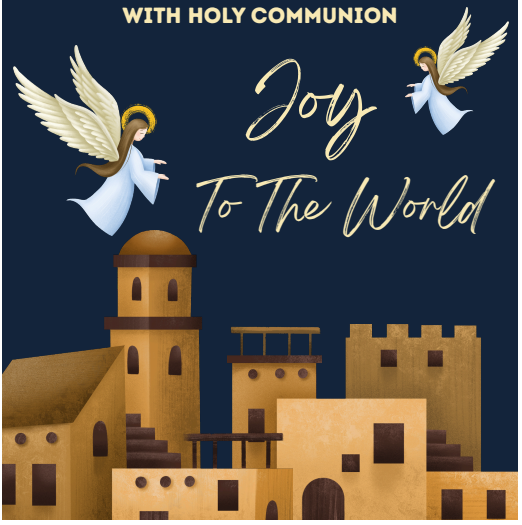
ALL AGES WELCOME



WIMBISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 1030

WITH HOLY COMMUNION



District Councillor's Report

District Cllrs report Dec 2026/Jan 2027

In the last magazine I included an invitation to meet me at Debden Village Hall to review what information was available regarding the proposed Local Government Reorganisation or LGR as its commonly called. About 15 Ward residents attended along with 4 Cllrs from the Residents for Uttlesford Party. Interestingly there was not much interest in talking about LGR but it was confirmed that there will be elections taking place next May. I hope you can think about what you want in a District Cllr in future. Due to my recent health problems I don't think I will be standing again so I would like to think there are one or two local people who would be interested in becoming a UDC Cllr and representing Wimbish & Debden interests. I would offer to give some guidance by way of a handover if that helps.

I have just attended a concert performed by the Wimbish Military Wives Choir in Debden church and I would like to pay tribute to them for coming along and entertaining lots of people with their music. I think it was their conductor's last concert with them so I hope a replacement can be found to carry the choir on. Thanks to Alison Hare for making it happen.

The Royal British Legion Remembrance service in Debden Church was well supported especially by soldiers from Carver Barracks and the Air Scouts and Brownies. Thank you all for being there and making the community occasion one to stick in our memory for a long time. Once again the Air Cadet Band came from Woolwich to parade through Debden on the Sunday afternoon. I was reminded by Wimbish residents that there was a parade through Wimbish some years ago and they would like to do that again next year. Its all possible but somebody has to make it happen.

As we approach the end of the year can I remind you all to be careful and look after one another. I am sure none of us want to end up in hospital so think about what you are doing in the kitchen or when driving in difficult conditions. Take the governments advice about households keeping a stockpile of essentials in case of bad weather and power disruptions etc. With the cost of living these days less is often more so think of others and the Food Bank. Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

All of a sudden, it will be 2027! Lets be prepared for everything and have some FUN! I have already heard mention of a friendly family cricket match in May. Could we have a Clay Shoot and challenge the soldiers at Carver Barracks?

I hope your imagination has been stirred and its got you thinking about what you can contribute to our community.

Best wishes Cllr Stewart Luck Cllrluck@uttlesford.gov.uk 07974188395

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Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday November 28th 2026

11.30 - 2.00

St Paul's Mission Hall

Light lunches

hot drinks and cakes

Raffle

Cake Stall

Produce Stall

Lucky Parcels

...and much more

Everyone is welcome!



Out of Bounds Events
(OOB)
Red Flags

Noisy Events
Plus OOB
Red Flags

S/N	MONTH	DAYS/DATE(S)	CLUBS/ORGANISATIONS
1	January	Monday Evenings	Walden Tri Snr
2	January	Tuesday Evenings	Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics
3	January	Wednesday Evenings	Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics
4	January	Thursday Evenings	Saffron Striders
5	January	Friday Afternoons	Community Rehabilitation
6	January	Saturday Mornings	Walden Tri Jnr
7	January	Sunday Mornings	Wenden Ambo Rugby Club
8	January	24th Sunday	Debden Jets Flying Club
9	February	As per Ser 1-7	
10	February	7th Sunday	Debden Jets Flying Club
11	February	21st Sunday	Debden Jets Flying Club
12	March	As per Ser 1-7	
13	March	6 & 7 March	Everyman Driving Racing
14	March	14th March	Active Traing World
15	March	20 & 21 March	Car Chase Heroes
16	March	28 Sunday	Debden Jets Flying Club

Events at Carver Barracks