

Forthcoming Additional Advent and Christmas Services

12th December

3.30pm Community Carol Service Gt Witchingham Village Hall

18th December

5.00pm Dress Up Nativity St Mary's, Elsing

19th December

10.30am Communion with Carols St Andrew's, Attlebridge

3.00pm Carol Service St Peter and St Paul's, Salle

6.00pm Carol Service St Margaret's, Swannington

7.00pm Carol Service St Mary's, Reepham

7.00pm Carol Service St Mary's, Sparham

22nd December

6.00pm Carol Service St Andrew's, Wood Dalling

23rd December

3.00pm Carols by Candlelight St Mary's, Bylaugh

24th December

3pm and 4.30pm Christingle*** St Mary's Reepham

4.00pm Christingle *** St Margaret's, Lyng

5.30pm Crib Service All Saints, Weston Longville

11pm Midnight Mass St Mary's, Reepham

11.30pm Midnight Mass St Andrew's, Attlebridge

25th December

6pm Quiet Christmas Service Zoom

Please see notice boards and website for regular services in December

*****Christingle Services—Friday 24th December**

This year we will return to our traditional Christingle services in church on Christmas Eve. However, we want to ensure that the services are as "Covid safe" as possible, therefore we are asking families to pre-book their places in advance. We are also asking that there is a maximum of 2 adults per family so that we can fit in as many families as possible.

To book your place, please email Annie with the following:

- Service time and location
- Names of those in your group
- Number of children attending



Pew Notes

Sunday 5th December (Second Sunday of Advent)

9.00am Salle Holy Communion

10.30am Sparham OASIS

10.30am Weston Longville Holy Communion

10.30am Elsing Holy Communion

10.30am Reepham Morning Worship

During the season of Advent, we are supporting our local foodbanks as they create Christmas Hampers for families and individuals. Donations of Christmas treats such as **boxes of biscuits, chocolates, advent calendars, mince pies (alcohol free), Christmas cakes and puddings (alcohol free), crisps, nuts, Christmas crackers, tinned ham, tinned salmon** over the next few weeks will go into Christmas hampers to bring some festive joy to those experiencing difficulties.

Sunday 12th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

9.00am Bylaugh Holy Communion

9.00am Wood Dalling Holy Communion

10.30am Great Witchingham Holy Communion

10.30am Reepham Holy Communion

10.30am Lyng Word and Praise

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Pew Notes are available to download from the RWV website and the E-newsletter

Words of Light and Hope from Bishop Tony Footitt

On 30 November, St. Andrew's Day, our thoughts turn to Scotland, and so to heather. It is heather that clothes the mountains and moors in purple and makes Scotland so memorable a place. Purple or blue is the colour for Advent, reminding us of mountains and sky and so to look up from our enclosed little worlds. Heather is comfortable to lie on and was once used for mattresses and thatch as well as fuel for the fire. We all look for companionship and comfort. There is a tradition that through Andrew's influence the gospel came to Scotland which is why he is Scotland's patron saint. We know from St. John's gospel that Andrew approached Jesus, and spent the day with him. It was Andrew who then introduced his brother Peter to Jesus. Invitation is still an excellent way to get others 'on board'. Jesus called Andrew from his fishing to become a fisher of men and to draw others into the network of God's love. Heather is occasionally white and is then a symbol of luck. Christians believe in blessings rather than luck, but sometimes we receive unexpected blessings. The church is sometimes compared to a boat - a lifeboat. Andrew was a fisherman and therefore an experienced team worker. When Jesus decided he must feed the five thousand people who flocked to hear him, he asked his friends, his team, what should be done. It was Andrew who noticed the boy with his picnic and drew it to the attention of Jesus who then used it to feed the crowd. St. Andrew was executed on a diagonal cross: hence the design of his flag. Old heather is burnt to enable new growth. We believe that our old life is put to death in the waters of baptism and that with Jesus we may rise to a new and joyful life.

Luke 3:1-6 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

"Quiet Christmas" service

6pm Christmas Day 2021.

A reflective service where the difficulties of the season can be acknowledged. Christmas can be hard at times of anxiety, loss, separation, and the enduring pandemic.



Reepham and Wensum Valley Benefice and St Francis Church, Heartsease, Norwich invite you to a Zoom online service reflecting on the Light of Christ shining in the darkness.

Zoom chapel open from 5.45pm.

Bring a candle ready to light during the service.

Zoom ID: 825 0887 5273

Password: 374589

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" John 1.5



Wonder On Wednesdays

Our weekly "gathering" for those who wish to discuss and dig a little deeper into topics around Christianity. Please join us every Wednesday on Zoom from 7pm to 8pm.

Zoom meeting ID: 836 9720 0393

Password: 102113

Our next WOW social is on **Thursday 9th December** from 7pm-8.30pm in St Michaels, Reepham. All welcome to join us for food, chat and friendship.