

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 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
3.30pm	Gt Witchingham V.Hall	Community Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who attending the Christmas Tree Festival, organised by Reepham Lions. The event was a great success—well done to Rosie and Lynda who decorated the Church's Eco Tree and was voted "Best Dressed Tree" of the festival!

Sunday 19th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

10.30am	Attlebridge	Communion with Carols
10.30am	Salle	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Lyng	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Word and Praise
10.30am*	Reepham	Café Church
		<i>*doors open at 10am for coffee and papers</i>
3pm	Salle	Carol Service
6pm	Swannington	Carol Service
7pm	Reepham	Carol Service
7pm	Sparham	Carol Service

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

**Words of Light and Hope from
Rev'd Judith Sweetman**

Many Advent wreaths have a fifth and final white candle, which is lit on Christmas Day and which symbolizes Jesus Christ, the one for whom Abraham and Sarah, the prophets, John the Baptist and indeed ourselves have been waiting for so long. It is in Jesus Christ that we discover a perfect fulfilment of everything for which we have waited – as well as for those things for which we have not waited. Jesus brings both completion and surprise in our waiting, and points us forward to a life-long waiting that can only find fulfilment in the end of all things. Perhaps most surprising of all, however, is the discovery that the one for whom we wait has been present all along; silently waiting with us in joy as well as in sorrow, in delight as well as agony, drawing us further into the glorious paradox of God....

From: The Meaning is the Waiting: the spirit of Advent, by Paula Gooder

Lord of glory
How can I remain dull
When bathed in your brightness?
Why am I not radiant with your love
and light about me?

Lord of love, fill my life
Dispel my darkness
Lighten my way
As the new dawn breaks
Let your sun rise in my heart

True light of the world
Enter the depths of my life
Flood the dark and hidden places
Overflow my whole being
With the light of your glory

From: The Glory of Light, by David Adam

Heavenly Father, you have created a
universe of light:
Forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the
world:
Cleanse and heal our blinded sight:
Christ have mercy

Holy Spirit, you give light in our hearts:
Renew us in faith and love.
Lord have mercy

From: Common Worship: Times and Seasons

Luke 3:7-18 *Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Further afield... Traditional Candle-Lit Carol Service

Tuesday 21st December, 6.30 p.m

in Church of St Michael the Archangel, Booton

Children are welcome to dress as a Nativity character.

Mulled Wine & Nibbles Collection for St Martin's Housing Trust & Churches Conservation Trust