

HUNDRED RIVER & WAINFORD BENEFICE

Brampton, Ilketshall St Andrew, Redisham, Ringsfield, Shadingfield, Sotterley, Stoven, Westhall, Weston



Sunday 28th November 2021: Advent Sunday



COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when He shall come again in His glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through Him who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 28th November: Advent Sunday

9:30am	St Peter, Redisham	Morning Worship
	St Peter, Brampton	Holy Communion
10:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Holy Communion
6:30pm	St Peter, Weston	Advent Evening Worship

SUNDAY READINGS

Morning

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13;
Luke 21.25-36

Evening

Psalm 9*; Joel 3.9-21; Revelation 14.13 – 15.4; John 3.1-17

REFLECTION FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

You cannot fail to notice that Christmas is approaching; decorations and festive fare have festooned the supermarket shelves for some weeks. Indeed, it seems people are in a rush for Christmas Day to be here now. This impatience is a reflection on how our consumer society fuels a desire for life to give us what we want, when we want it. This is a shame as it so often leads to disappointment. Observing Advent is a way of avoiding this trap.

Advent is about waiting. This does not sound either appealing or practical to some people. It conjures up visions of standing in a queue or waiting for a hospital appointment. But Advent waiting is active: it is about anticipation and expectation, and practical steps are needed to achieve this. So, how are we to wait and be ready for Christmas some might ask?

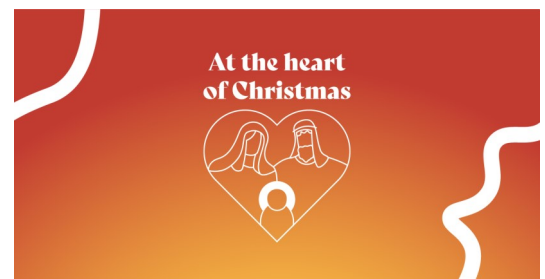
We wait with anticipation to celebrate once more the incarnation. We ponder on the amazing truth that our all-powerful God loves us so much He came to be with us. We prepare ourselves to meet God, a helpless tiny baby born in a time of political upheaval and a long way from home. We do so, knowing that this tiny baby, the Prince of Peace, will end His earthly life on a cross, crucified by those He came to save.

We wait expectantly because we know that the story didn't end at the cross but opened up a way to new life. Our sins are forgiven and the way to eternal life is promised to all who believe and trust in Him. In the fullness of time Jesus will come again, we don't know when that will be but we know it will happen. This is another amazing truth to ponder on.

Through faith we have hope in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World, born to be with us. During Advent, as we balance quiet times of praying and reading of scripture with our preparations for Christmas, may our hope in Jesus shine out in our lives and may others be drawn to the light.

*Loving God,
as we begin our Advent Pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.
Hope for Your presence,
hope for Your peace,
hope for Your promise.
Amen.*

Rev Claire



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**Friday 3rd December**

3:30pm Ringsfield Village Hall Feast on Friday

Sunday 5th December: Advent 2

8:00am All Saints, Ringsfield Holy Communion

9:30am St Peter, Brampton Morning Worship

St Margaret, Sotterley Morning Prayer

10:00am All Saints, Ringsfield Family Service

11:00am St John Baptist, Shadingfield Worship 4 All

11:15am St Andrew, Westhall Holy Communion

4:00pm St Peter, Weston Evening Worship

READINGS: Sunday 5th December*Morning*Malachi 3.1-4; Luke 1: 67-80; Philippians 1.3-11;
Luke 3.1-6*Evening*

Psalms 75 [76]; Isaiah 40.1-11; Luke 1.1-25

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

On Sunday 28th November we will be celebrating the beginning of Advent with our Advent Evening Prayer when we will bless the Advent wreaths from across the Benefice.

ST ANDREW'S DAY

St Andrew, Westhall, has played a big part in village life for hundreds of years. Baptisms, weddings and funerals hold significant memories for many people. To mark St Andrew's day Tuesday 30th November we would like people to come and share memories or light a candle between 10am-12noon. Coffee, tea & hot chocolate will be served. It would be great to see some photos too!

UNWRAP CHRISTMAS

Unwrap Christmas is an Advent course exploring the original history of Jesus' birth. Over three weeks we will be taken via video on a journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. These short films have been put together by Dr Peter Walker a theologian and Holy Land and will facilitate our discussions taking us deeper into the heart of Christmas. The sessions will be Wednesday 1st and 8th December and Monday 13th December at 7.30. Contact Claire for further information and log in details.

CAROL SERVICES

This year we will have 14 opportunities to invite friends, family and neighbours to hear to good news of the Christmas story

Sunday 12th December	Ilketshall St Andrew	4:00pm	Harrier Carols
Wednesday 15th December	Sotterley Chapel	6:30pm	Carol Service
	BBC Radio Suffolk	6:00pm	Doorstep Carols*
Saturday 18th December	St Margaret, Sotterley	6:00pm	Family Carols
Sunday 19th December	St Andrew, Ilketshall	11:00am	Carol Service
	Westhall Village Hall	11:15am	Carol Café
	St Peter, Redisham	3:00pm	Carol Service
	St Peter, Brampton	4:30pm	Carol Service
	All Saints, Ringsfield	6:30pm	Carol Service
	St Peter, Weston	6:30pm	Carol Service
	St Margaret, Stoven	6:30pm	Carol Service
	Wednesday 22nd December	Brampton Village Hall	6:30pm
Thursday 23rd December	All Saints, Ellough	6:00pm	Carols @ All Saints
	St John Baptist, Shadingfield	7:00pm	Carols & Christingle

DOORSTEP CAROLS*

When? Wednesday December 15th at 6pm. Where? On your doorstep. How? Sing along with radio Suffolk.

Tune in to radio Suffolk at: Ipswich 103.9 FM; West Suffolk 104.6 FM; Lowestoft - 95.5 FM; Aldeburgh - 95.5 FM, also on DAB & on BBC Sounds www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_suffolk

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- God's vision for us as a Benefice
- Our Carol services, that they may be a witness to the truth of Christmas
- The NHS, preparing for the busy winter season
- All who work in the Retail Industry in the build up to Christmas
- Those recently bereaved: the families of Russell Ulph, Pat Foat, Guy Oram, Trevor Wood, Richard Godbold, Pamela Lee

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