

# Four Rivers Benefice News

Parishes of Bedfield, Brundish  
Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham  
Tannington, Wilby  
Worlingworth with Southolt

**NOVEMBER 2025**



## Dear Friends

Well here we are, moving into Advent at the end of this month and anticipating the joy of Christmas. Sadly, it isn't always joyful for everybody and this year, a Blue Christmas get together is to be held at the Bedfield Community Hub on 20th December at 3pm. It is a service of remembrance held during the Advent season for those experiencing grief, loss or sadness and is open to all in the community whether of Christian faith, different faith or no faith. It acknowledges that the season can be difficult for some and provides a space to express pain and find comfort, and will be led by The Revd Maria Price.

Elsewhere, you will find details of the Advent Course which will commence at Worlingworth Community Centre on 26th November at 2.30pm and at the Vicarage in Laxfield on 27th November at 7pm. On 27th at 2pm, is also Tea at the Vicarage and it will be the last until the end of January 2026 so it would be lovely to see you all!

And an omission, (sorry!!!), I said last month that from the first Wednesday in November 2025, I will be at Wilby Church by 9.15am together with a flask of hot water for tea and coffee so do bring a mug!! Oops! Should have looked at my diary... Instead, the first Wednesday for the Wilby prayer group will be 14th January 2026 and then on the second Wednesday in the following months.

As always, be at peace with one another.  
Prayers and blessings, **Revd Chrissie**

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Mid-week in your church			
Daily Prayers		Holy Communion	
Tuesdays 8.30am		Thursdays 11am	
4th Nov	none	6th Nov	Tann'n
11th Nov	W/worth	13th Nov	Bedfield
18th Nov	Cratfield	20th Nov	Laxfield
25th Nov	Wilby	27th Nov	Brundish
2nd Dec	Tann'n	4th Dec	Monk S/m
9th Dec	none	11th Dec	W/worth
16th Dec	Bedfield	18th Dec	Cratfield
23rd Dec	Laxfield	25th Dec	none
30th Dec	Brundish	1st Jan	none

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## Saturday 1st

**Services of Memorial and Thanksgiving on All Souls' Day.** We remember those we have loved and lost. Services - 3.30pm at All Saints' Laxfield and 5.30pm at St Nicholas, Bedfield.

**Mondays 3rd and 17th The Care Café** at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am - 1pm. Free entry. For carers, cared for, bereaved and those alone. Contact Jenny on 01728 627134 / 07710 218957.

**Thursday 13th Interfaith Work.... The Work of the People of God?** 7pm at Brundish Village Hall, IP13 8BB. With Revd Tom Mumford, Vicar of Ipswich Minster and Diocesan Interfaith Advisor. Join us as we explore prayerfully what interfaith work looks like, and how we might better build relationships and understanding between people of all world faiths. Revd Clive Mobbs will also be sharing his experiences of interdenominational work as Chaplain at Sizewell C.

**Friday 14th Meet up Friday** in the Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 - 11.30am.

**Wednesday 19th St Mary, Wilby Drop-in,** 10 to 11.30am. Join us for coffee, cakes and a chat.

**Sat 22nd Saturday Social,** 10 - 11.30am, Laxfield.

**Sunday 23rd Revd Susan Loxton's retirement service.** 3.30pm, Fressingfield. All welcome.

**Thursday 27th Tea at the Vicarage,** Laxfield, 2 - 4pm. Please join us.

**Sunday 30th Advent Sunday**  
Benefice Holy Communion at Laxfield, 10.30am  
Advent Carol Service at Worlingworth, 3pm.

**Advent Course - The Joy of Christmas** Venues, dates and times in letter. The course lasts 4 weeks. To register your interest, please contact Val Swallow on 01728 628068 (Worlingworth) or Revd Chrissie.

## What's on in November..?

### Services in the Four Rivers Benefice

#### Saturday 1st Nov

**All Souls' Services** both at Laxfield, 3.30pm and Bedfield, 5.30pm

#### Sunday 2nd Nov

10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Laxfield  
10.30am Holy Communion, Wilby  
11.00am Family Service, Monk Soham  
4.00pm Souls and Saints, Worlingworth

#### Sunday 9th Nov

10.45am Remembrance at Worlingworth also for Bedfield, Monk Soham, Tannington  
10.45am Remembrance, Brundish memorial  
10.45am Act of remembrance, Cratfield sign  
10.45am Remembrance, Laxfield Baptist Ch.  
10.45am Remembrance, Wilby  
4.00pm Holy Communion, Laxfield  
6.00pm Vigil for Peace, Cratfield

#### Sunday 16th Nov

10.30am Holy Communion, Brundish  
*with Revd Richard Stainer, our Kagera link*  
10.30am Morning Worship, Laxfield  
10.30am Village Worship, Wilby  
11.00am Holy Communion, Monk Soham  
11.00am Holy Communion, Worlingworth

#### Sunday 23rd Nov

9.30am Holy Communion, Cratfield  
10.30am Holy Communion, Bedfield  
10.30am Morning Prayer, Wilby  
11.00am Let's Celebrate, Worlingworth

#### Sunday 30th Nov

**10.30am Laxfield, Benefice Advent Holy Communion Service**  
3.00pm Advent Carol Service at Worlingworth

### Church contacts

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Tannington, St Ethelbert:	Jenny Hinchey, 07710 218957
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