	Sun 6th Dec	Sun 13th Dec	Sun 20th Dec	Thurs 24th Dec	Fri 25th Dec
DEC 2026	**Advent 2**	**Advent 3**	**Advent 4**	**Christmas Eve**	**Christmas Day**
	Isaiah 40:1-11 1 Corinth 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-end	*Isaiah 61:1-4,8-e 1 Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28*	*2 Sam 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16:25-e Luke 1:26-38*	*Isaiah 29:13-18 John 4:7-16*	*Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20*
Bedfield St Nicholas	Holy Communion (patronal) 9.30am		Morning Praise 11am	Holy Communion 11.30pm	
Brundish St Lawrence				Carol Service 6.30pm Midnight Mass 11.30pm	
Cratfield St Mary		Village Worship 9am	Carol Service 6pm		Holy Communion 10am
Laxfield All Saints	Celtic Morning Prayer 10.30am	Holy Communion 10.30am	Chatty Church 10.30am Hertismere Hse Carols 6pm	Carol Service 4pm	Holy Communion 9.30am
Monk Soham St Peter	Family Service 11am	Carol Service 2.30pm	BCP Morning Prayer 11am		Christmas Day Service + short Holy Comm 10.30am
Tannington St Ethelbert	Holy Communion 11am				
Wilby St Mary		Celtic Village Worship 10.30am	Carol Service 6pm		Christmas Morning Service 10.30am
Worlingworth St Mary		Let's Celebrate 11am	Carol Service 4pm	Crib Service 3pm	Holy Communion 11.30am

Saturday Carol Services - Bedfield, 3pm on Sat 12th. Southolt, 3.30pm on Sat 19th

Sunday 27th Dec, Holy Communion, 10am at Wilby, commemorating Holy Innocents and Blue Christmas.

Midweek Holy Communion, Tuesdays, 9am.
1st and 15th December at Worlingworth, 22nd December at Laxfield.

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Four Rivers Benefice News

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



November and December 2026

Dear Friends

Here we are, hurtling to the end of another year. Is it me or does time go faster as we get older? It always seemed ages from 5th November to 25th December, but now….? Well, enough of that! On 8th November, each of our parishes in the benefice will be commemorating the many people who have given their lives so that we could be free.

And then at the end of November, we will join together at St Mary's, Worlingworth for our Advent Carol Service which will be led by Archdeacon Rich. There are a huge array of carol services in each of our parishes and I hope that you gain as much enjoyment from them as I do!

Of course, there are many of you who may find this Christmastide difficult, having lost a loved one this year and for many, so many thoughts of what once was. My heart goes out to you all. During Advent, I will be running a course of preparation for Christmas, *Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies* written by Robin Ham. This will be on Tuesday evenings at 7pm at the Vicarage and a venue yet to be agreed for the Worlingworth end of the benefice. Hope to see you there and over the Christmas period.

God bless you all – Happy Christmas!
Revd Chrissie

Celtic Prayer online on Zoom,
8.45 to 9.15am each Friday.
7 to 7.30pm each Weds.
All welcome!
To join, contact Revd Chrissie

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November

Mondays 2nd and 16th
The Care Café at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am to 1pm. Free entry. For carers, cared for, bereaved and those alone. Contact Jenny on 07710 218957.

Saturday 7th
Laxfield Market, 9.30am to 12 noon.

Sunday 8th


Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am at Bedfield for Bedfield, Monk Soham, Tannington and Worlingworth villages.
Other churches as rota.

Friday 13th
Meet up Friday, The Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am.

Wednesday 18th
Drop in for coffee and a chat at Wilby church, 10 to 11.30am.

Saturday 21st
Saturday Social, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am, in church.

Thursday 26th
Tea at the Vicarage, 2.30pm, Laxfield.

Saturday 28th
Brundish Christmas Coffee Morning. 10am to 1pm at Brundish Village Hall. Breakfasts, homemade spiced wine, tea/ coffee, mince pies, cakes, craft/gift stalls, games, grand raffle, cake, raffle.
In aid of St Lawrence Brundish.

Sunday 29th **Advent Carol Service**.



Light in the darkness. Join us for Advent carols, 3pm at Worlingworth church, with Archdeacon Rich.

	Sun 1st Nov	Sun 8th Nov	Sun 15th Nov	Sun 22nd Nov	Sun 29th Nov
NOV 2026	**All Saints' Day**	**Remembrance**	**2 before Advent**	**1 before Advent**	**Advent Sunday**
	Revelation 7:9-end 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12		*Zeph 1:7, 12-end 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30*	*Ez: 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephes 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end*	*Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinth 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-end*
Bedfield St Nicholas	Holy Communion (All Saints and Souls) 9.30am	**Remembrance Service 10.45am**	Morning Praise 11am		
Brundish St Lawrence		**Holy Communion 8am Remembrance Service on the green 10.45am**			
Cratfield St Mary		**Remembrance 11am**		Holy Communion 9am	
Laxfield All Saints	Celtic Morning Prayer + baptism 10.30am	**Remembrance Service 10am CS/Tim Mawson**	Chatty Church 9.30am Revd Katie de Bourcier	Hartismere House 6pm	**Benefice Celtic Holy Communion 10.30am**
Monk Soham St Peter	Family Service 11am	**Remembrance at Bedfield**	BCP Holy Communion 11am	BCP Morning Prayer 11am	
Tannington St Ethelbert	Holy Communion 11am				
Wilby St Mary		**Remembrance 10.45am**	Holy Communion 10.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer 10.30am	
Worlingworth St Mary		**Remembrance at Bedfield then Act of Remembrance 12.15pm at W/W memorial**	Morning Prayer 11am	Holy Communion 9am	**Benefice Advent Carol Service 3pm Archdeacon Rich**

Midweek Holy Communion, Tuesdays, 9am.
3rd and 17th November at Worlingworth, 10th and 24th November at Laxfield.

December

Tuesday 1st **A course of preparation for Christmas,** *Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies* written by Robin Ham. 7pm at Laxfield Vicarage and a venue yet to be agreed for the south of the benefice. Contact Revd Chrissie.

Friday 4th
Laxfield Christmas Market 4 to 7pm.

Saturday 5th **Festive Coffee Morning,**
10am to 12 noon at Worlingworth church.

December….. continued

Mondays 7th and 21st
The Care Café at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am to 1pm. Free entry. For carers, cared for, bereaved and those alone. Contact Jenny on 07710 218957.

Friday 11th **Meet up Friday** in the Royal Oak, 10 to 11.30am.

Monday 14th **Laxfield Community Choir** singing Christmas music in the church, 7pm.

Saturday 19th **Saturday Social**
10 to 11.30am, Laxfield church.

Sunday 27th **Holy Communion** at Wilby, 10am - commemorating Holy Innocents and Blue Christmas, acknowledging that the season can be difficult for some.

CAROL SERVICES

Bedfield	Saturday 12th Dec, 3pm
Monk Soham	Sunday 13th Dec, 2.30pm with the Pastoral Quire
Southolt	Saturday 19th Dec, 3.30pm
Worlingworth	Sunday 20th Dec, 4pm
Cratfield	Sunday 20th Dec, 6pm
Wilby	Sunday 20th Dec, 6pm
Laxfield	Christmas Eve, 4pm
Brundish	Christmas Eve, 6.30pm
Tannington	To be advised

