

St Peter & St Paul

Little Horkesley

Parish Magazine

December '21/January '22



The font on Remembrance Sunday.



Display by Fionna Morrison. Photo by Sally Bramall

Ronnie Blyth's birthday celebrations

At the beginning of November Ronnie celebrated his 99th birthday! It was a lovely, joyous occasion which, because of covid fears, was spent with just two close friends and his care givers. Ronnie had a wonderful day surrounded by cards, gifts, flowers, balloons, bunting, food, drink and of course birthday cake. He sends his sincerest thanks to all who sent cards and best wishes.

Ed. Suzanne



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WELCOME TO REVD HEATHER WILCOX

We are delighted to be able to introduce our new vicar, the Revd Heather Wilcox. Heather was licenced to the parishes of West Bergholt, Great Horkesley, Langham with Boxted, Wormingford, Mount Bures and Little Horkesley on November 11th. The service was held at St Andrew's Wormingford and had taken a huge amount of organisation because of the small size of the church and the lack of parking. The warm and friendly service was led by the Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Ruth. Our little choir led the singing as we are the only church to still have a choir.

There were representatives from all of the churches and villages, many local clergy and also clergy and readers who had helped us so much during the Interregnum. There was also a coach of parishioners from Heather's last parishes.

We give Heather a huge welcome and hope she will be happy among this set of rural parishes and look forward to getting to know her better.

She has written a little about herself.



Let me introduce myself

I am Heather and am married to Geraint with two adult children. Megan who is 25, married and living with Scott in Long Stratton, where I have been serving for the last 10 years. Megan has a degree in education and is currently studying for her PGCE at the with the aim of becoming a Key stage 2 teacher by September.

Our son Luke is 21 and has moved with us to West Bergholt, he has finished college and has been working in various places over the last year as he finds his feet, he is a keen evangelist and recently spent a week with 'Through Faith Missions' in Worcestershire.

My husband Geraint, has a nursing background and went back into the NHS in April last year, as a Health Care Assistant working on the bank.

I qualified as a Registered nurse in 1993

at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn and worked there until 2008 when I was ordained Deacon and moved to Pakefield for my curacy.

I love sharing the gospel with people and reaching out to the whole community with the love of Christ. I look forward to being able to serve in these parishes over the coming years.

Whilst I am often accused of working too hard, I do enjoy other things too :) I love taking walks with the family, although I have to admit not normally with the family dog Benji. I recently completed the couch to 5K challenge with Luke, although haven't done very well keeping it going, and am a keen swimmer. I also enjoy being creative and have completed many cross stitches, and recently have been teaching myself how to crochet.

During the recent lockdowns, I also started jigsaw puzzles and now have quiet a collection, so if anyone ever wants to borrow one, I have quite a library.

There is probably more I could say, but hopefully over the years ahead, as I look forward to getting to know

everyone here, you will surely get to know me and the family more.

May God Bless you

Heather



MERIEL'S REPORT



HARVEST FESTIVAL



The response to the Harvest Appeal for the Colchester Food Bank was very good. We flower arrangers are getting very few, but we still managed to make things look festive. Roger's altar flowers, all from his own garden, were fantastic, as usual.

We had a lovely Evening Harvest Service which was well-attended and Christopher later kindly took all the groceries and toiletries along to the Food Bank. In the email of thanks from the Foodbank it said there were 69.9 kgs! Thank you, everyone for your support.



CHURCH FLOWERS

On the subject of the church flower arrangers, we are, as I just said, getting very few. We really would like more volunteers. There were only 6 of us doing flowers for the whole of 2021. Roger has covered all the weeks since Harvest up to Remembrance (and some weeks before that) despite being constantly worried that bad weather would ruin his beautiful flowers.

Fionna Morrison has kindly agreed to take over, from me, the organisation of the rota and the list for 2022 is in the church.



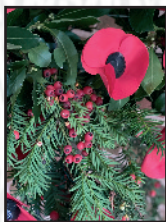
REMEMBRANCE

This year was quite a memorable service. Our Ordinand Emma officiated, and her husband Stephen played his bagpipes. As usual wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by Michael Culham and a representative of the Parish Council. The Lament was then played.

Huge thanks to Emma and her husband and also to Fionna Morrison who had completely decorated the church with her marvellous poppy arrangements.

The many photos will tell the story.

Remembrance Day photos - Nov 2021





SIR JOHN ROGERS

We learned with sadness of Sir John's death on October 11th. Along with his wife, Elspeth, he had been an active member of our church for many years.

His funeral was held in a full church on November 5th. The Revd Henry Heath, who had known him when he was our vicar, officiated at the beautiful service. His son David spoke about his father's Air Force career and his incredible rise from aircraft apprentice to Air Chief Marshall. His son Peter spoke of his life-long interest in motorsport and cars which eventually became his second career after he retired from the Air Force, as a Director of British Car Auctions. He had many other hobbies and the one thing that shone through the eulogies was his love for his family and how he involved them in everything that he did.

He was interred in our church yard where a bugler from the Band of the Royal Air Force played the Last Post and a Standard Bearer lowered and raised the Standard.

At the church we remember him with great affection and send our love and prayers to Lady Rogers and her family at this sad time.



The photographs are taken from the Order of Service.

CHURCH MAGAZINE DONATIONS

We now have a Church Magazine every two months and this seems to work quite well. It costs an enormous amount to produce so I am asking if you could make a donation of £10 towards the cost. If it is sent to you, I would ask that you pay £15. I hope you will be generous with your donations as the cost to the church is considerable.

I would like to thank Suzanne, our very able and willing Editor and Photographer, for all her help.

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MERIEL



PCC MEETING

Mrs Sparkes reported on details of our new vicar whose Licensing is on November 11th and on the services past and for the future. Brian Lord reported on the Synod meeting on the 13th October mainly concerning churches cutting their CO2 emissions and will report more fully for the Magazine. Our Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Carbutt, said all but one person had completed their Safeguarding Training.

Mrs Sparkes said our Administration assistance is moving from the Myland Office to the West Bergholt Office from the 1st November. Mrs Jo Russell is the Administrator and is very helpful.

Dr Thomas said that sometimes the church locking at the weekends does not work and asked Mrs Sparkes to try to resolve this.

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DEANERY SYNOD

The Synod met at Christchurch, Colchester on 13th October when the main speaker was Revd James Gilder, Diocesan Environment Officer, who spoke of how churches could help reduce Carbon emissions and help to reduce global warming. At present 52% of Church of England schools have solar power and over 200 rectories. He encouraged churches to use green energy suppliers but some people were not happy with this as many small companies are going out of business. He mentioned using pew heating rather than heating the whole building. He said PCC's should discuss this CO2 problem.

A number of churches reported on small things they are doing to help regarding wild flowers, grass cutting, gardens and plants. A number of members were not in agreement with the speaker and raised issues of their own.

Other points at the Meeting were that four members of the Synod were now on General Synod, both clergy and lay members. Subcommittee meetings were to be held to talk about the 2023 Parish Share and Church Growth. On Pentecost Sunday, 5th June 2022, Colchester churches are having a large gathering at Charter Hall.

BRIAN LORD

Pet Of The Month



Mabel.

My constant, hungry! Companion. Ed



GREENER CHURCHES



The subject of how can churches help to reduce carbon emissions was one of the subjects raised at the recent Deanery Synod meeting. As regards our church the PCC took steps to install LED lighting in 2014, at a significant cost. This has resulted in a reduction in our carbon emissions, the cost of the electricity used and in changing light bulbs, which have a longer life. Our church has pew heaters, which are used for a great deal of the time in winter, thereby avoiding heating the church for longer periods. The electricity from our supplier is currently 55% sourced from renewables.

CLOSURE OF CHURCHES

It came to my notice recently that there were proposals to close churches without the usual consultation. Responses were invited by 31st October. The following was my response:

The Church that I attend was rebuilt in 1958, following the complete destruction by enemy action in September 1940 during the Battle of Britain. After the war the local residents

raised funds over many years which together with compensation from the War Damage Commission, enabled the Church to be rebuilt.

I am of the firm belief that Parishes and communities should have a significant say on whether a church should be closed. If the Parish Church Council (PCC), should want to add a toilet and kitchen it needs a faculty, and therefore objectors can call a Consistory Court (which was the case in this Parish and the Chancellor found in favour of the PCC). Closure also currently requires the Chancellor's approval and I believe the question of closure should be a similar consultative legal process.

In view of the above I strongly object to the proposed measures in GS 2222 (Review of Mission and Pastoral Measures) that would enable Dioceses to close churches without following due process.

John L Sparkes MBE



The above response to the proposal, is my own view and not necessarily that of the PCC or parishioners. The response was duly acknowledged.

THE VENERABLE JAMES RIDGE ARCHDEACON OF PRISONS

By coincidence our friend James was officiating at our Holy Communion Service on October 17th which fell at the end of Prisons Week. He does not often mention his work (although we are always pleased when he does) but on this occasion he preached what I thought was a quite memorable sermon which included some reference to his work. What shone through was his tremendous compassion for all those involved either as an inmate or as prison staff. Afterwards I asked him if I could have the transcript and his permission to include it in the Magazine.

*From the pen of
Archdeacon
James Ridge*

Dear friends,

One of the joys of the lifting of lockdown restrictions and the beginnings of a return to a more normal way of life has been an opportunity to get back into London again. I know for many people that may seem strange as they find London an alarming or bewildering place to be, but I love it. Apart from the joy of getting back into my office again which I did on Tuesday of this week (and discovering that the tea bags are still fine after eighteen months, but the biscuits are not quite what they once were) I love the feeling of being at the centre of things. My office is two minutes' walk from Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament and there's always something going on – this Tuesday it was the Queen coming to the British Legion commemoration at the Abbey. (I caught up with her again on Thursday in Cardiff – I was beginning to think she was stalking me!)

I love the ease with which you can travel around in London – so many places are within a short walk, but you can always jump on a bus, hail a cab, use the tube or even take a boat. And there's even an app which I have on my phone which tells you the fastest way to get between two places depending on the time of day and how crowded the various modes of transport are.

But one thing which I find a real challenge is the pushiness of it all. I find myself standing on a platform when a train comes in and I watch people edging forward, blocking other people, trying to be the first through the door, making sure that they get a seat or the best place to stand. There's an assumption that the only way to get what I want is to stop everyone else getting what they want. It's the law of the jungle. But what I find even more upsetting is that I find myself doing the same thing. I can feel myself thinking If I can just stand there then I can stop that person getting in and I can get to my favourite spot by the door. If I'm quick I can get in front of that person and be the first through the ticket barrier. And then I stop and think for a moment and wonder what on earth I'm doing.

But if I think that my selfish behaviour is someone unusual, or limited to the 21st Century rush hour, then I only need to read today's Gospel to understand that it's nothing new. James and John are engaged in a very similar bit of jockeying for position. But rather than seats on a train, they've got their eye on seats either side of Jesus – let's get in there first, before the others and

we'll get the best seats, they're thinking to themselves. And who am I to judge as I barge my way onto the Circle line?

But Jesus has different ideas. He takes the opportunity to teach the disciples a new way of relating to one another. The one who wants to be the greatest must be the servant of all. Once again we're reminded that we need one another and that my well being depends upon the welfare of others. To use my example from the tube – if one person doesn't make it onto the train then nobody arrives at their destination. We are, Jesus would remind us, a community, in which everyone has value.

And if we're talking about our community then there are some bits that are rather easier to think about than others. Throughout England and Wales are 120 prisons and young offenders' institutions. Behind their various walls and fences live around 79,000 men, women and children, the youngest just 12, the oldest just shy of 100. They are held for a variety of reasons, some extremely serious, others we would consider to be much more minor. Some of those held there are innocent and having been found not guilty at trial will be released into the community to get on with their lives, others will serve short sentences before being released while others will serve many years. A handful will never be released.

It's very easy for us to discount this particular group of people from our thinking when we are envisaging our community – to be glad that those who have stolen our cars or burgled our houses are safely behind bars, to forget all about them, to leave them to their fate and to get on with our lives. Yet to do so would be wrong. Wrong for three reasons.

Firstly, because very nearly everyone who is currently being held in prison will one day be released. And what happens to them on the inside will have a large impact on the way in which they live their lives on the outside. And that, of course, effects each one of us. Every day when we live out our daily lives, we unknowingly encounter ex-prisoners. We queue with them for the bus, we are served by them in the supermarket, we walk past them sleeping in shop doorways, we may even sit next to them in Church. So, their ability to live a life which contributes to the good of society, to be able to interact socially in a non-threatening, non-offensive way, to live a life which is law-abiding and does not impact negatively on our own well being and that of our loved ones is a very real concern of ours.

Secondly because God's love, God's compassion and God's forgiveness are still available to those who have committed crime and are not held back by walls and fences erected by the Prison service or any of its predecessors. People in prison are loved and valued by him. Their welfare matters to God and, as those who profess to follow him, it should matter to us as well.

Thirdly, because it could very easily be anyone of us in there. We might struggle to see ourselves in the role of bank robber or drug dealer, although if our financial security is reliant on a regular income from employment, a sudden change in circumstances could alter our priorities somewhat and many before us have found that desperate times have called for desperate measures. But it takes far less of the sort of imaginative contemplation we were talking about earlier to see ourselves getting behind the wheel of a car tired after a long day, and a moment's inattention resulting in the death of an innocent cyclist or pedestrian. Nor yet, to find ourselves completely innocent, but on the receiving end of a malicious unfounded allegation.

And so can begin a spiral of decline, familiar to so very many of the 79,000 men, women and children who woke up in a prison cell in England and Wales this morning, in which a loss of liberty leads to loss of employment, housing, contact with family and an increasing sense of isolation where gradually you become convinced that you are forgotten about and unimportant to the outside world.

Into this story of sadness steps, amongst others, the prison Chaplain. In my role as Chaplain General to Her Majesty's Prisons in England and Wales it is my privilege to support the ministry of around 1300 Chaplains who work in 120 different establishments across our two nations. Their work alongside some of society's most vulnerable and damaged human beings, not to mention some of our most challenging and at times dangerous, begins with their first reception into custody. From that moment, inspired and underpinned by their own particular Faith or belief system they work with people of all Faiths and none, not in an attempt to convert them, but rather to offer them hope and to treat them with the sort of decency that has been sadly lacking in the lives of so many up to that point.

They are there because they are called to be there and they work alongside the people others would rather forget, in order that their lives may be firstly saved – in 2020 57 people took their own lives in the prisons of England and Wales (but if it were not for the Ministry of Chaplains that

that figure would be many times that), and secondly that they may be transformed, that they may be able to realise their full potential, that they may be, to use Christian terminology, the people God created them to be. And if that doesn't matter to us simply because it matters to God (and heaven knows it should) then it should matter to us because people living the lives that God intended for them will not be stealing our cars, burgling our houses nor indeed breaking the windows of our Church.

This Prisons week and in the weeks which follow we ask your prayers for all those affected by our criminal justice system. For the victims and perpetrators of crime, for those who work within it and for those in government who make decisions about it. And we also hold in prayer Christian communities who provide a home and a welcome for those who leave prison and try and start a new life.

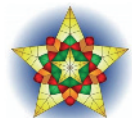
I hope that by working together we can learn a lesson from James and John – by remembering all those in our community are loved and valued by God and deserve a seat at the table. I'll certainly try and remember it next time I'm getting on a train.

James Ridge

Pet Of The Month *January*



Where's Bonnie? Asleep under a pile of cuddlies - thank you, Meriel.



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The Rectory

with Revd Heather Wilcox

It's that time of year, when we are bombarded with Christmas advertising, but one advert in particular has caught my attention, probably because it has generated the most complaints in 2021 so far, the Tesco's advert.

It begins with a lady standing outside a Tesco's store being asked, 'Do you need a little help' and she responds, 'Don't worry my love, this year, nothings stopping me.' Queens 'Don't stop me now' providing the soundtrack to the advert.

The gist of course is that nothing is going to stop us from celebrating Christmas. If the lights go out, we will light a row of Christmas puddings instead and party on; if Santa's grotto closes as we reach it, we will bribe the elves with mince pies and when Santa faces quarantine, of course he is already double vaccinated, nothing is going to get in the way of us celebrating Christmas just as we want to in 2021, unlike 2020 when plans had to be changed at the last minute.

2000 years ago, nothing was going to stop Gods plan either. Mary was reluctant at first, to be the mother of the Son of God ... when the angel spoke to her, she said, 'How will this be, since I am a virgin.' As the angel continued to speak Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant, let it be to me as you have commanded.'

Nothing was going to stop God's plan.

After Mary it was Joseph who needed a little convincing to stand alongside Mary and not break off their engagement. An angel had to appear to him in a dream and reassure him that everything Mary had said was true, the child she would bear was really going to be the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit.

And one thing is certain when a baby decides it is time to make an appearance, nothing is going to stop it, even if there was no room in Bethlehem! And so, on that first Christmas night, Jesus is born in a stable, laid in a manger and worshipped by shepherds.

Gods unstoppable plan, God with us. Immanuel

Our plans may or may not change, but we worship an unstoppable God of love, who is always with us, as we celebrate Christmas this year, let us put Jesus at the heart of all that we do.

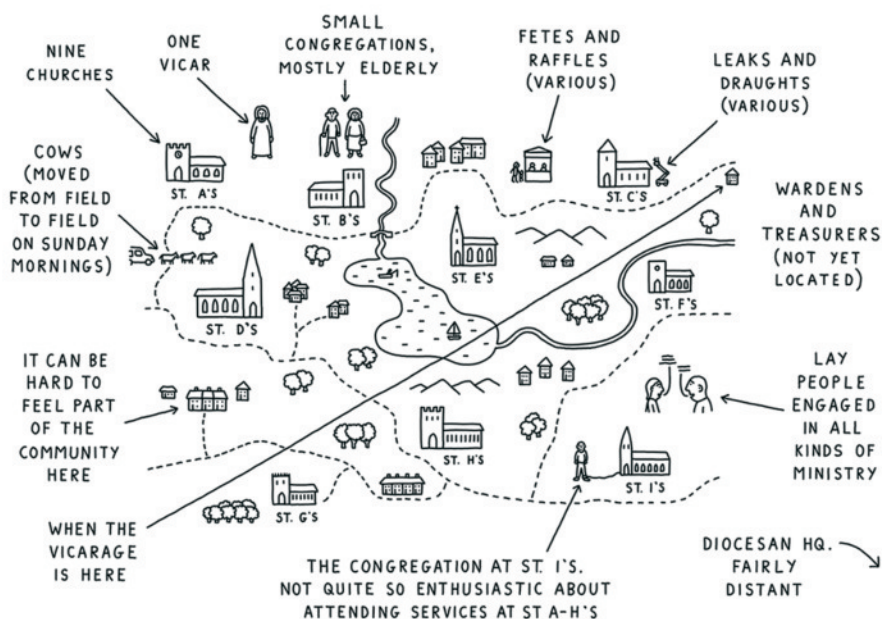
Happy Christmas and May God bless you.

Reverend Heather



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Continue, we pray, to instil in us a profound sense of your abiding presence, and help us to take to heart the wonder of your love, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will.

Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be.

Amen.

Altar Flowers



<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Arranger</i>
December	5	Advent
	12	Advent
	Carol Service	Meriel Sparkes
	Christmas Day	Meriel Sparkes
	26	Meriel Sparkes
January	2	TBA
	9	TBA
	16	TBA
	23	TBA
	30	TBA



It was mentioned to me recently that many in our village missed reading Word from Wormingford, submitted by Ronald Blythe to the Church Times. I was able to get a few back copies from the Church Times online, which made replicating it here (with permission), much easier. Enjoy. Suzanne



Word from Wormingford

By RONALD BLYTHE

19 DECEMBER 2014

THE Christmas-card snowstorm brings in an atlas of my life. Views of every parish I have been to: familiar parishes, glimpsed parishes, parishes I have worked in, parishes in which I have felt the presence of artists and writers. And priests, of course. And naturalists. And those adopted by retired friends.

Long ago (for I doubt if the courtesy is still observed) an incumbent would offer his successor the convention of moving at least five miles away, so as not to get in his hair, so to speak - although, once addressing the retired clergy of East Anglia, I was aware that it is often during the final years of ministry that a priest and his wife, or her husband, are apt to make their most important friends.

I have been in Wormingford, on and off, since I was 22 - first of all as the friend of the artists John and Christine Nash, and later as the dweller in their remote farmhouse. My feet have kept the track to it open, if not level, and the view from it familiar.

On this near-Christmas day, I stare from its high north window, just as John once

stared from it when he placed a canvas on his easel every week, and, cigarette between teeth, would transfer sketchbook drawings to oils.

The studio in those guiltless days was a homily to dust. Tobacco dust, mortal dust from plants and insects, and, to a degree, from the artist himself. It was never swept, and a single 40-watt bulb gave a discreet account of it.

During the summer, when John went to Cornwall or Scotland (never abroad, if he could help it), he would kindly dust a patch where I could write. I never told him that I never wrote a word in his studio, but always in his lovely garden; for summer went on for ever at Bottengoms. Still does. Even at this moment, with Christmas at my heel, the valley within a valley which contains the old house has its own climate. Should it snow, everyone knows that I won't be able to get to the top. The dip will fill up, hedges will disappear, familiar posts will vanish, and ditches will sound with loud but invisible water. Only no one could imagine such a sinking out of sight today, and the postman's van flies towards me with a flourish, and yesterday's cleared desk hides under the avalanche.

Few birds sing, but a squirrel scuttles in the roof, and the white cat is torpid. The News creates a strange unease. People are going to foodbanks. Dickensian activity on cards is one thing, in 21st-century Britain, quite another. The poverty of the Holy Family resumes its traditional reality, and is no longer an old tale. All but the well-off would have had no difficulty in identifying with it since Christianity began. In our day, just now and then, it became academic, and below the surface of our time, but it never went away. It was always there, the fragility of human life, and in our world, not the Third World. With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy. It was and is true. Politics fail, especially in winter, and spectacularly at Christmas.





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6. When you lock your car with the remote look for the light flash confirmation or better still try the door handle before leaving the car.
7. Now you're starting your shop watch your purse, wallet, mobile phone and handbag especially in busy places, don't leave them on display in bags or on counters while you pay, and while you're paying watch that no one is watching you entering your PIN when making purchases or withdrawing cash.
8. Time to stop for lunch or a cuppa, don't drop your guard. Mobile phone on the table, shopping by the chair, wallet or purse visible, coat, jacket or handbag over the chair; if a thief sees it a thief will steal it.
9. Need to off load some of those purchases in the car, look around are you being watched? Back to (5 & 6) above again.
10. Time go home, don't fall for any distractions while you load the car i.e. “you dropped some money” pointing to cash on the ground, holding a map “can you tell me the way to....”. While you are engaged the second person steals from your car on the other side. Close and lock your car before speaking to anyone.

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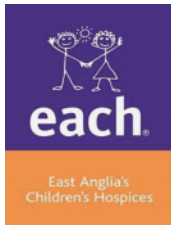
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Could you spend a couple of hours a week or even an hour a month helping a family with a child who accesses our hospices in their own home?

Caring for a seriously ill child or young person can put a lot of extra demand on a family. The aim of the Help at Home service is to put a caring individual into a family's home to provide everyday practical support such as cooking, sibling support, cleaning and gardening. We provide you with the necessary support and training, all you need to do is provide some of your precious time. If you would like any more information or to apply, then please contact Hugh at hugh.mcelhinney@each.org.uk or call 07714737139. Thank You.

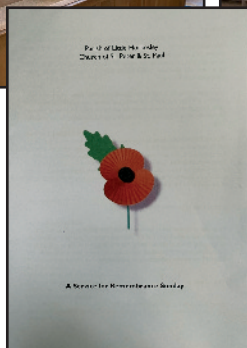
Sidesmen & Readers : December 2021

	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
5th December			
Morning	Mary Perrins Vicky Minet	Mary Perrins Vicky Minet	Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th December			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas <i>Intercessor: Margaret Thomas</i>	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18
19th December			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	CAROL SERVICE Ann Garnett Christopher Orme	TBA	TBA
25th December <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>			
Morning <u>10.30am</u>	BENEFICE CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE David Lewis John Sparkes	David Lewis John Sparkes	TBA TBA





I had very little space but wanted to add these lovely photos too.



Sidesmen & Readers : January 2022

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
2 nd January			
Morning	Will Pavry John Sparkes	Will Pavry Sally Bramall	Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 10-18
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		
9 th January			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Christopher Orme Ann Garnett	Christopher Orme Ann Garnett	Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
	Intercessor: Brenda Green		
16 th January			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION Nick Hillyard Brian Lord	Nick Hillyard Brian Lord	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11
23 rd January			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	PATRONAL FESTIVAL John Sparkes Sue Carbutt	TBA	TBA
30 th January			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	1 Corinthians 13 Luke 2: 22-40
6 th February			
Morning	David Lewis Vicky Minet	David Lewis Vicky Minet	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		



Just a quick end of year thank you to our readers, advertisers and all those who have contributed to the magazine throughout this year, I am so very grateful to you all.

Special love and thanks go to the extremely dedicated Meriel Sparkes, without whom this church magazine doesn't get written or published. You are a Star, M! x

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Suzanne x

Church Calendar: December 2021 & January 2022

December 5th

11.00 am

Advent 2

Morning Service

December 12th

6.30 pm

Advent 3

Evening Service



December 19th

6.30 pm

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 24th

3.00 pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service at Mount Bures

7.30 pm

Christmas Eve Communion at Wormingford

December 25th

10.30 am

Christmas Day

Benefice Christmas Service at Little Horkesley



December 26th

NO SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE



January 2nd

11.00 am

Epiphany

Morning Service

January 9th

6.30 pm

1st Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ

Evening Service

January 16th

6.30 pm

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion

January 23rd

6.30 pm

3rd Sunday of Epiphany and PATRONAL FESTIVAL

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SERVICE

January 30th

6.30 pm

4th Epiphany/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Evening Service



February 6th

11.00 am

4th Sunday before Lent

Morning Service