

Team News

16 December 2018

No. 307

The Third Sunday of Advent

for the parishes of
Bressingham, Diss
Fersfield, North Lopham,
Roydon, South Lopham



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Services today: The Third Sunday of Advent

The Liturgical Colour is Purple

8:00 AM	Diss	Eucharist	The Vicar
9:30 AM	Bressingham	Morning Prayer	Home Team / Dr Sue Drake
9:30 AM	S Lopham	Eucharist	The Rector
10:30 AM	Diss	Sung Eucharist	The Vicar
11:00 AM	Roydon	Morning Prayer	Home Team / The Rector
11:00 AM	N Lopham	Family Carol Service	Home Team
6.00 PM	Diss	Advent Evening Service	The Revd Samuel Thorp

Readings for The Third Sunday of Advent

Principal Service:

Zephaniah 3.14-20; Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6*; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18;

Evening Service:

Ephesians 2: 1-10, 2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 6:2

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Church Diary

Every weekday at St Mary's, Diss Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.00pm (not Friday).

- Mon 17th 2:00 PM St Andrew's School Carol and end of term Service at South Lopham Church.
7:30 PM Diss Bell Ringing Practice
- Tue 18th 9:30 AM Edward Bear Club then into Church for Father Christmas
10:15 AM Blood Donors at Diss Rugby Club
7:00 PM Carols in the Pub at White Horse, South Lopham
- Wed 19th 10:30 AM Coffee Morning at Roydon Parish Room
10.30 AM Eucharist in St Mary's Hall, Diss
7:30 PM Carol Singing at the White Hart, Roydon
- Thu 20th 12:00 PM Carers Group at St Mary's, Diss
7:15 PM Choir Practice (St Mary's)
7:30 PM Fersfield Carol Service in Church
- Fri 21th 9:30 AM Friday Coffee and Cake in St Mary's hall, Diss
10:00 AM FoodBank until noon
12:30 PM Lunch Time Carols at St Mary's, Diss
6:00 PM Remembrance at Diss Funeral Care, Waveney Chapel
7:30 PM Friends of Diss Museum
- Sat 22th 2:30 PM Quarter Peal at St Mary's Church, Diss
3:30 PM Doughnut Church at Roydon
5:00 PM Roydon Tree Lights Switch on and Carol Singing

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Micah 5.2-5a; Canticle: Magnificat or Psalm 80.1-8; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45[46-55];

Notices

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Waveney Food Bank are appealing for Christmas items to add to the hampers. Items such as tinned peas, bread sauce, Christmas pudding, mince pies, treats and supermarket vouchers (which will be used for fresh items). Please ensure the best before date is at least January 2019. No alcoholic drinks please. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT DISS

We have Lessons and Carols on Sunday 23rd December at 6pm at Diss and Lunchtime Carols on Friday 21st December at 12.30. We would be grateful for mulled wine and mince pies to serve at both events. These can be left in the kitchen, thank you. Catering Committee.

DISS CHRISTMAS CARD

The big Christmas card is back! You are invited to pin up one card which will be for everyone at St .Mary's - you will save money and also help to save the trees! Please remember to look at the other cards too.

BLOOD DONORS SESSION

Blood donors session will be held at Diss Rugby Football Club on Tuesday 18th December from 10.15 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.15. New Donors welcomed from the age of 17 to 65 years.

DISS LUNCHTIME CAROLS

These will be at St Mary's Friday 21st December at 12.30 p.m. A fun event singing lots of carols and Christmas songs followed by seasonal refreshments. Please be seated by 12.20 p.m. This occasion is a good start to your Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ST MARY, DISS

We are desperately in need of flower arrangers for Christmas in St Mary's. If you are willing to help, please sign the list in the North Porch, or see Pat Wilby. Arrangements will be staged on Saturday 22nd December between 9.30am and 12 noon. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA DISS

Is there anyone willing to join our Coffee Rota on Sunday mornings? It will mean 4 or 5 Sundays a year. If so please let Isobel Pursehouse know. Thank you.

BIBLE SOCIETY COLLECTION

Grand Total sent to the Bible Society in 2018 was £300. A very big Thank you to all who gave. Violet Parker

TOY SERVICES

Thank You to everyone at St Nicholas' North Lopham and St Remigius' Roydon for the wonderful mountain of wrapped gifts brought to the services on 2nd December. They have all been taken to the Salvation Army team at Thetford to go with their hampers for the neediest families in the town.

TEAM OFFICE & TEAM NEWS

The office will close at Midday on Friday 21st December and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January at 9am. The last Team News for 2018 will therefore be on Sunday 23rd December. As this will be a double issue it would be appreciated if notices could be sent in as early as possible.

Please remember in your Prayers this week

The Church:

Pray for Bishops Alan and Jonathan, for Bishop Graham concluding his ministry among us and the wise appointment of a new bishop.

The Methodist Church and Chair of East Anglian District, Julian Pursehouse.

Diocese of Kivu (Rwanda): Bishop Augustin Ahimana.

The 'Edward Bear Club' at St Mary's - Jackie who runs it, those who help her, the parents and the children.

Roydon Toddler Church - Sarah who runs it, those who help her, the parents and the children.

Those who co-ordinate the Welcome Areas in our churches.

The World:

Peace in the world

Our neighbours:

Farms in our communities.

All those who live and work there.

That they may continue to produce food and livestock, and to provide for those whose livelihood depends on them.

All who are ill or in special need:

We pray for all who work to help the suffering. You, Lord, fed the hungry, healed the sick and restored sight to the blind. Be with them, uphold and guide them whatever their needs. Amen.

Those who have died:

All our loved ones.

The Shorter Collect for The Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of you Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,

to hunger for justice,

and to suffer for the cause of right,

with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen