

Team News

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



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Services today: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Liturgical Colour is Purple

8:00 AM	Diss	Eucharist	The Rector
9:30 AM	Fersfield	Eucharist	The Rector
10:30 AM	Diss	Sung Eucharist	The Vicar
11:00 AM	N Lopham	Family Service	Home Team
6:00 PM	Diss	Lessons and Carols	Rector et al

Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Principal Service:

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

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Church Diary

- Mon 24th 9:00 AM Office closed until Wednesday 2nd January 2019
4:00 PM Crib Service at North Lopham Church
4:30 PM Roydon Crib Service
5:00 PM Diss Crib Service
11:30 PM First Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass), St Mary's Diss
- Tue 25th 8:00 AM Diss Eucharist Service
9:30 AM South Lopham Holy Communion Service
9:30 AM Roydon Holy Communion Service
9:30 AM Bressingham Holy Communion Service
10:30 AM Fersfield Family Christmas Service
10:30 AM Diss Holy Communion Service
- Wed 26th 10:00 AM St Stephen's Matins at North Lopham Church
- Sun 30th 8:00 AM Eucharist (Diss)
10:30 AM Sung Eucharist (Diss)
12:15 PM Baptism of Holly Coles at South Lopham Church
- Mon 31st 7:30 PM Diss Bell Ringing Practice
- Wed 2nd 9:00 AM Office re-opens
10:30 AM Eucharist (Diss)
- Fri 4th 10:00 AM FoodBank until noon
- Sun 6th 8:00 AM Eucharist (Diss)
9:30 AM Holy Communion (North Lopham)
10:30 AM Sung Eucharist (Diss)
11:00 AM Family Service (North Lopham)
11:00 AM Morning Prayer (Roydon)
6:00 PM Choral Evensong (Diss)

Readings for The First Sunday of Christmas (Sunday 30th December)

Principal Service: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Psalm 148*; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52;

Readings for Epiphany (Sunday 6th January)

Principal Service: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12;

Evening Service: Baruch 4.36 – 5.9 or Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11;

Notices

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA TEAM OFFICE & TEAM NEWS 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.

The office will close at Midday on Friday 21st December and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January at 9am.

This is the last Team News for 2018. The first edition for 2019 will be available on Sunday 6th January.

THANK YOU

to the children of St Andrew's School for the singing speaking and instrumental playing at the Christmas end of term service, held this year at South Lopham Church. We were very proud of them all.

To the eight who read at the Family Carol Service in North Lopham on Sunday - we must say "Congratulations". They read the story of the Nativity for us and sang 'Little Donkey'; the adults led the singing of traditional carols, making it a genuinely All Age occasion.

LOPHAM LADIES

Tuesday 1st January: Please note that Lophams' Ladies have postponed their meeting one week to Tuesday 8th January at 2pm.

CONTACTING THE CLERGY OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD

As the office is closed from Monday 24th December and reopening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 for any concerns over funerals and/or emergencies please contact Revd Maggie Swayze on 01379 644701. Thank you.

Please remember in your Prayers this week

The Church:

Pray for Bishops Alan and Jonathan and for Bishop Graham concluding his ministry among us. Pray too for the vacancy-in-see committee and for the wise appointment of a new diocesan bishop.

The Baptist Church and Regional Moderator, Beth Powney.

Diocese of Kubwa (Nigeria): Bishop Duke Akamisoko.

Those who are Eucharistic Ministers and take Communion to people in their homes

The World: Peace in the world

Our neighbours:

All agencies which seek to help people in any kind of need.

Voluntary Welfare organisations in our communities - that there will be plenty of volunteers and resources available for their work.

The Waveney Food Bank - the local warehouse, Collection Points in our churches, and St. Mary's Distribution Centre.

Our children: Bressingham Primary School: children, parents, governors, the head teacher, teachers, administrative and support staff.

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 Saints:

Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr (26th)

John, Apostle and Evangelist (27th)

The Holy Innocents (28th)

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of

Canterbury, Martyr, 1170 (29th)

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus (1st)

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus,

Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389

(2nd)

The Epiphany (6th)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The First Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen