

Welcome to e-bulletin for 4th December 2025

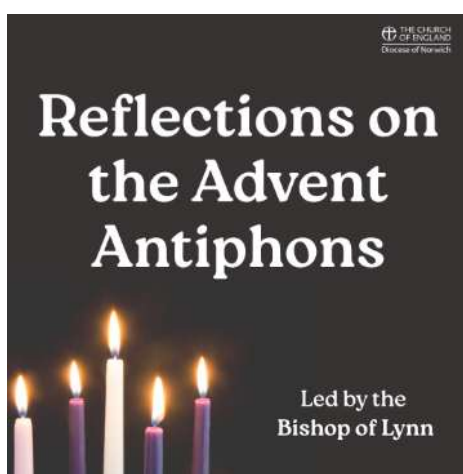


Lo, he comes!

Advent 'O' Antiphons

A rich seam in the run-up to Christmas, the Advent *O Antiphons* give us space to pause and reflect on the biblical titles for Christ: O Wisdom; O Adonai (my Lord); O Root of Jesse; O Key of David; O Morning Star; O King of the Nations; O Emmanuel (God with us).

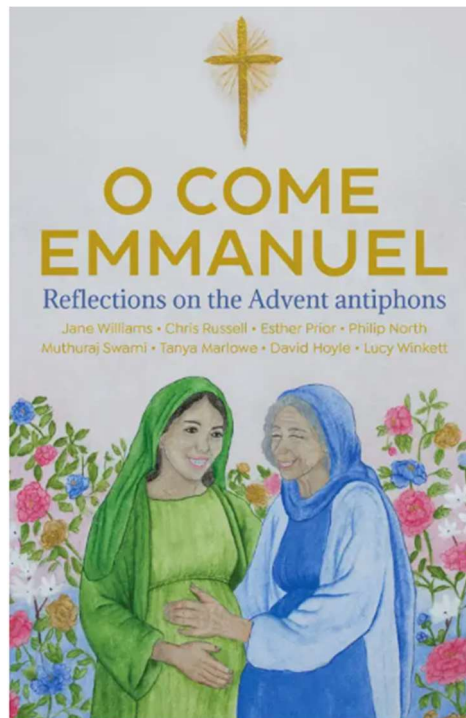
Two resources available this year – a daily Zoom reflection led by Bishop Jane (17th-23rd December) and a new book *O Come Emmanuel*.




Join Bishop Jane for a time to reflect in the busy run to Christmas
Daily: December 17 -23 5pm-5.30pm
A daily zoom meeting with the Bishop of Lynn, the Rt Revd Dr Jane Steen.
Join [here](#).

O Come Emmanuel

Published by Church House Publishing, *O Come Emmanuel* offers a series of 5-minute reflections for each day during December leading up to Christmas – a spiritual Advent calendar! Contributors include Jane Williams, Philip North, Lucy Winkett and others, beautifully illustrated by SunYoung Kim. Available [here](#) or from your preferred online bookshop.



Christmas in the Heart of Norfolk



CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART OF NORFOLK



Friday 12th December
 6.30pm : Stibbard : Carols on the Green, followed by
 'Jingle and Mingle' in the Village Hall

Sunday 14th December
 3.00pm : Billingford St Peter : Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 18th December
 6.00pm : Guist St Andrew : Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 21st December
 2.00pm : Worthing St Margaret : Christmas Carol Service
 4.00pm : North Elmham St Mary : Christmas Carol Service
 6.00pm : Bintree St Swithun : Christmas Carol Service

Monday 22nd December
 5.45pm : Wood Norton Village Green, followed by
 Christmas Carol Service at 6.00pm in All Saints Church

Christmas Eve
 4.00pm : North Elmham St Mary : Christingle
 4.00pm : Stibbard All Saints : Nativity Play and Carols
 9.00pm : Wood Norton All Saints : Night Prayer (Compline)

Christmas Day
 10.30am : North Elmham St Mary : Christmas Family Communion

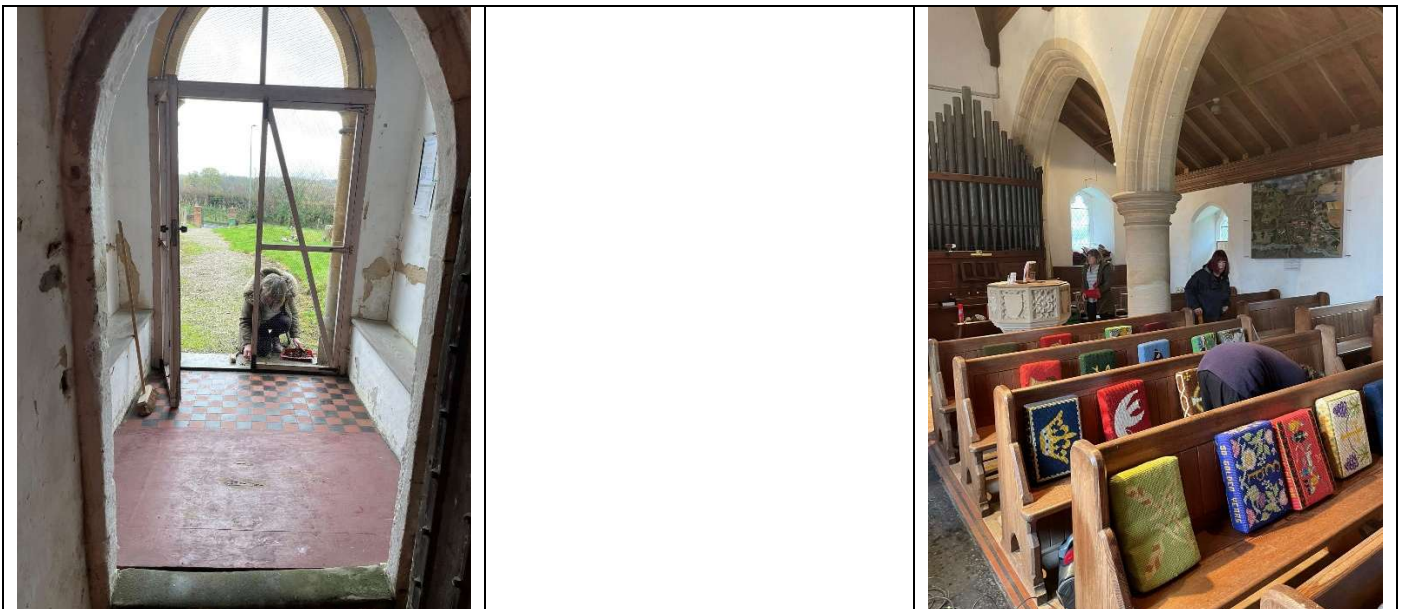
Christmas Singing Workshop, 21st December



An opportunity to learn and sing some long-forgotten carols to add to your repertoire!
There is no charge for this event although donations are invited to cover costs.

News from the Parishes

Guist: St Andrew's Day



A welcoming church

Thank you so much to the 7 people who came along to St Andrew's, Guist, on Saturday, working tirelessly to make the Church look lovely for St Andrew's Day. It's not glamorous work but is quite fun and very rewarding!

Interestingly, we learnt that Andrew was someone who took the initiative, introducing his brother Simon to Jesus (John 1:35-42); spotting the boy with his picnic at the Feeding of the 5,000 (Jn 6:8-9); and bringing those curious Greeks to meet Jesus (Jn 12:20-22). He didn't hang around waiting to be told what to do!

SATURDAY: Bawdeswell Christmas Wreath Fair, 6th December

Beautiful Christmas wreaths, Christmas goodies and more...



Wood Norton - December

Please note that Words & Music, Café Pew and Cine Pew do not take place during December.

The **January** programme is:

9th January, 10.30am, Words & Music;

16th January, 12.30-2pm, Café Pew;

30th January, 7.30pm, Cine Pew – *The Holiday*.

Sunday Service Plan: December

7th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
9am	Worthing	Holy Communion
9:30am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Word & Praise
14th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
3:00pm	Billingford	Christmas Carol Service
21st December	4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-end
10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
2:00pm	Worthing	Christmas Carol Service
4:00pm	North Elmham	Christmas Carol Service
4:00pm	Bawdeswell*	Christmas Carol Service

6:00pm	Bintree	Christmas Carol Service
28th December	1st Sunday of Christmas	Hebrews 2:10-end; Matthew 2:13-end
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion

***Bawdeswell Group Sunday Zoom**

ID: 656 174 6525; Passcode: TwKH7n

Or click this direct link [Bawdeswell Group Zoom Link](#)

Wednesdays: 10:30am, Holy Communion, Foulsham Holy Innocents'.

Prayer Calendar: 7th December: Second Sunday of Advent

Church	
HON Group: Guestwick	God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
World	
The people of Gaza. Ukraine.	
Community	
Sick	
Departed	

Church FaceBook pages

Do check parish FaceBook pages and the Heart of Norfolk website [calendar](#), with links to events in our Benefice.

Bawdeswell: www.facebook.com/bawdeswell.church

Billingford: www.facebook.com/BillingfordStPeter

Guist: www.facebook.com/standrewsguist

North Elmham: www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch

Stibbard: www.facebook.com/Stibbardchurch

Wood Norton: www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchwoodnorton

Worthing: www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing

Heart of Norfolk Benefice: www.facebook.com/heartofnorfolk

Music at St Mary's N Elmham: www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysChurch