Winfarthing and Upper Waveney

BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

December 2026

I wonder what the festive season holds for you? I expect it will involve some Christmas shopping, perhaps hitting the credit card hard! Writing Christmas cards or choosing the funniest one on Moonpig. If there are children in your family perhaps a visit to Father Christmas. Whatever December holds most of us will be busy in the run up to Christmas, myself included! So can I invite you to take a moment out of the hustle and bustle to reflect on the real reason for the season. The birth of Jesus.

You might like to start with the Advent Course I'm going to be running. Check out the advert in here for full details. We'll be using the book Advent For Everyone A Journey Through Luke by Tom Wright. You can either read the book on your own or you can join the afternoon or evening discussion sessions. The sessions will be running concurrently so it's fine if you come in the afternoon one week and in the evening the next. Hope to see you there.

There are lots of things happening across the Churches between now and Christmas Day, so I do hope you will join us for some of them and give yourself a chance to pause, to rest in God's love and to experience again the wonder of His new born Son. I will be working my way round the Benefice and look forward to seeing you, but in case our paths don't cross may I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Revd Tracey







NEWS & EVENTS

Winfarthing and Upper Waveney Benefice

Roydon Church

Toy Service
with
Informal Holy Communion

SUNDAY 6th December at 11 a.m.

Please bring an unwrapped toy or gift
They will be given to the Salvation Army for families for their Christmas



St Nicholas' Church
North Lopham

FAMILY TOY SERVICE

Sunday 6th December at 11.00 am

St Nicholas' Special Day

We welcome donations of unwrapped toys or gifts. These will be given to the Salvation Army for distributing to families at Christmas



CHRISTMAS at South Lopham

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER - 9.30 AM - HOLY COMMUNION
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER - 7.00 PM -CAROL SINGING
WHITE HORSE. MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE MPW GROUP

SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER - 7.00 PM -CAROL SINGING
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE MPW GROUP
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER -6.30 PM -LIVE NATIVITY
ELF VILLAGE. OPENS AT 6PM.
CHILDREN WELCOME TO DRESS UP/TAKE PART
COSTUMES AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN

ELF VILLAGE (IP22 2JY)
OPEN 28TH NOV TO 20TH DEC
WED - SAT 10.30 AM - 4.30 PM
SUN 10.30 AM - 4PM
FRI OPEN TIL 7PM
MON 21ST AND TUES 22ND
10.30 AM - 4.30 PM
£3 ENTRY PER PERSON
UNDER 3S FREE





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NEWS & EVENTS

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CAROLS

Tuesday
15th December
7.30 p.m.

CHARITY RAFFLE





Roydon
Church

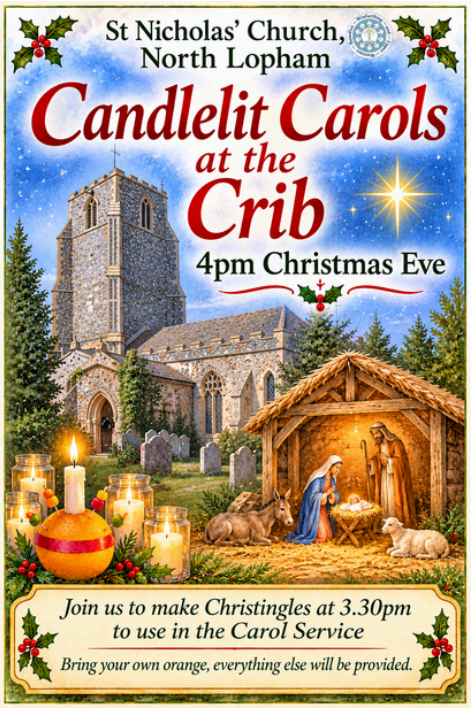


CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve
4.30 p.m.

All are welcome to this informal service

We have ample car parking, toilet and easy, level access for wheelchairs, electric buggies and pushchairs.



Christmas Day
Benefice
Holy Communion
10.00 am
St Remigius Church
Roydon

Support Waveney Foodbank

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" (James 2:15-16) NIV

Around one in four households across Norfolk and Suffolk are experiencing food insecurity. At the same time, many more families are only one pay cheque, one unexpected bill, or one family emergency away from crisis. We invite our community to bring food donations to church on any Sunday between now and Advent Sunday.





Should you need support, please call 0808 208 2138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. For further information use this link:

https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/

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DECEMBER SERVICES



December 2026 Services

Sunday 6th December

Winfarthing	– 9.30 am	–	Village Church
Tivetshall	– 11.00 am	–	Morning Prayer
North Lopham	– 11.00 am	–	Family Toy Service
Roydon	– 11.00 am	–	Toy Service/ Informal Communion

Wednesday 9th December

Roydon	– 10.00 am	–	Benefice Communion *followed by Coffee Morning*

Saturday 12th December

Roydon	– 5.00 pm	–	Tree Decorating and Carols

Sunday 13th December

South Lopham	– 9.30 am	–	Holy Communion
Winfarthing	– 9.30 am	–	Morning Prayer
Gissing	– 11.00 am	–	Carol Service with the Gissing Singers
North Lopham	– 11.00 am	–	Advent Carol Service
Bressingham	– 11.00 am	–	Remembering Loved Ones
Shelfanger	– 3.00 pm	–	Carol Service
Tivetshall	– 3.00 pm	–	Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 19th December

South Lopham	– 7.00 pm	–	Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

Burston	– 9.30 am	–	Morning Prayer with Carols
North Lopham	– 11.00 am	–	Family Service
Roydon	– 11.00 am	–	Morning Prayer
Gissing	– 11.00 am	–	Holy Communion
Winfarthing	– 6.00 pm	–	Village Carol Service

Tuesday 22nd December

Elf Village	– 6.30 pm	–	Live Nativity

Wednesday 23rd December

Fersfield	– 7.00 pm	–	Carol Service

Thursday 24th December, Christmas Eve

North Lopham	– 4.00 pm	–	Candlelit Carols at the Crib
Roydon	– 4.30 pm	–	Crib Service
Tivetshall	– 6.00 pm	–	Holy Communion
Gissing	– 9.00 pm	–	Holy Communion

Friday 25th December, Christmas Day

Roydon	– 10.00 am	–	Benefice Communion *with Rev'd Tracey Caswell*

Sunday 27th December

Winfarthing	– 10.00 am	–	Benefice Communion *with Rev'd Michael Crawford*



Wishing you all the blessings of Christmas

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