

This Year's Diocesan theme focuses on the first and greatest Christmas gift of all: the gift of God being born as one of us in Jesus Christ. The 'Gift of Christmas' invites us to join with our communities this advent and Christmas:

- **to CELEBRATE the greatest gift God offers to each one of us in the birth of Jesus**
- **to RECEIVE that gift – and all God gives to us with gratitude and joy, and**
- **to RESPOND to God's generosity by serving others, especially those in need.**

Christmas Greetings
From the churches of
East Tuddenham, Hockering,
Mattishall, North Tuddenham,
Welborne and Yaxham

2026

Welcome



A few years ago, after always having an artificial Christmas tree, I decided I was going to have a real one and it was going to look just perfect like one of those in a department store.

However, it did cause me quite a bit of stress getting it like that and probably my husband and family even more. It took me ages to pick just the right tree. Once it was in my house it seemed to be much bigger than it looked outside and did not fit where I had planned, so we then spent a few hours moving numerous pieces of furniture, as I decided where it fitted best. The trickiest part was then to get it to stand straight and put the twinkling lights on evenly. My son was then in charge of putting the star on the top because he was the only one tall enough to do this and it took him quite a few attempts and cross words before I was happy it looked right. I carefully hung the baubles and re hung them until it looked just as I wanted it. I then took much stick from different family members, who did not have the same wish for such a perfectly decorated tree, as they kept moving the baubles just to annoy me.



Christmas trees, however, are not the only things that people like to get just right over Christmas time.

Many people put great pressure on themselves to try and make Christmas the perfect day, which they think it should be, with everybody having a good time, just as we see in all those famous adverts at this time of year. Great feasts are laid on which are fit for a king and hours of shopping take place, finding the perfect gift for someone, before wrapping it in beautiful paper and placing a bow on top, are just a couple of examples of this.

However, in reality, Christmas for many is far from being perfect. As we look around local communities and our world, we see many people facing all sorts of challenges in their lives and Christmas this year may be a burden, because the expectation is we are supposed to be having a great time when life is far from being great. There are many people who are hurting because they have lost a love one, or who are living within a complicated family situation, or are lonely this Christmas time, or themselves are unwell, or have a loved one unwell, or are anxious or troubled and some who just cannot afford to buy the basics this Christmas time.



And this is exactly why God sent his son to be born as a baby that first Christmas. Jesus' birth was not a perfect scene, even though our modern-day nativity scenes may portray it that way. He was born in a smelly animal stable in complete poverty and those who were told about his birth first were the most unlikely people – the shepherds – who were seen as outcasts in society. It was in these far-from-perfect circumstances that God became flesh and lived amongst us. So not only is God with us when things are good, but God is with us also in our poverty, in our difficulties, in our broken world, in our darkness and in our vulnerability.

God does not need us to have the right Christmas this year, he doesn't need us to have the perfectly decorated tree or the perfectly wrapped presents or largest turkey we can find, because none of those things really matters, but the thing which really matters to him is us – everyone of us and that is why he sent his son, Jesus, as a baby to our imperfect world, to bring God's love to our brokenness, to bring us hope and to bring us peace.

May you know the love, hope and peace that Jesus came to bring, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year ahead.

May God bless you this Christmas time.

Kirsty

Rev. Kirsty Long, Rector of Mattishall and Tudd Valley Benefice
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What Christmas means to me



When I think about Christmas now, I find myself thinking about how much has changed for me over the last couple of years. I came to All Saints, Mattishall (ASM) at a difficult time in my life, not really knowing where my journey of faith would take me. But I felt drawn here, and somehow, I think I was being drawn towards God too. I was curious and had lots to learn, but something about being here felt right. Looking back, I don't think it was an accident that I found my way to ASM when I did.

Since then, I've found myself growing closer to God and getting to know Jesus in a way I never expected. My faith is still growing, and I'm still learning, but I've discovered that faith doesn't mean having everything figured out. For me, it's about knowing that I don't have to face everything on my own.

Christmas has become so much more than presents, food and the excitement of the season. It's a reminder of God's incredible love for us, shown through the birth of Jesus — a tiny baby who came into the world bringing hope, love, forgiveness and light.

And perhaps that's what means the most to me — **hope**.

There have been times in my life when I've felt overwhelmed, lost or simply struggled to see beyond what was in front of me. Finding faith hasn't magically made those things disappear, but it has given me somewhere to turn. I've found comfort in prayer, in church, in the words of the Bible, and in the people God has placed around me.

I'm still relatively new at ASM but I've been made to feel so welcome. I've found a sense of belonging that I didn't know I was looking for. I love that I can walk through those doors exactly as I am — imperfect, still learning, sometimes emotional and still finding my way — and feel that I belong.

So, for me, Christmas is a celebration of Jesus, but it's also a reminder that God meets us where we are. We don't have to be perfect. We don't have to have everything worked out. We just have to be willing to open our hearts.

This Christmas, I'm incredibly grateful for the journey that brought me to ASM, especially because it began during a time when I really needed

something to hold on to. I'm grateful for the people I've met along the way, and most of all for discovering a faith that has brought me hope, comfort and the feeling that I am never truly alone.



Merry Christmas, and may we all find a little of God's love, peace and hope this Christmas.

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Lisa Garriock

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East Tuddenham Church Prayer Space



This autumn, All Saints Church, East Tuddenham received a wonderful 'Spring' clean and an update which has brought new life to our beautiful church building. An interactive Prayer Space has been created for everyone to use. There are various ideas of how to use the space, which is open to all ages, any faith or none.



You are welcome to explore the area and we welcome any suggestions or feedback. We hope you will be blessed by this Prayer Space.

East Tuddenham Church is always open during the day.

Prayer Space in East Tuddenham Church

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Needing to pause for thought?

For those of you who need a quiet space in your busy schedule, Prayer and Reflective Spaces have been created around the Benefice in the following churches:

- All Saints Church, Mattishall – Prayer Space in the church building. (Keys to the Church are obtainable from Victoria Stores, Church Plain)
- All Saints Church, East Tuddenham – Prayer Space in the church building. (The church is open during the day.)
- All Saints Church, Welborne - Reflective Space in the churchyard with a bench to overlook and ponder the beautiful view.

We hope you will enjoy some time in these spaces which have been created for your wellbeing.





Congratulations if you are now engaged or desiring to be soon! Have you considered a church wedding?

Would you like an informal chat, where you can receive further details and options?

Drop us an email or ring to discuss further:

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Care for the Family is a registered charity and has been working to strengthen family life since 1988. It believes that every family should have somewhere to turn for support in both the good times and when family life is challenging.

Working throughout the UK, it provide parenting support, relationship and bereavement support, resources, courses, training, and volunteer networks. It also host excellent, informative events, both online and in person.

Its work is motivated by Christian compassion and its resources and support are available to everyone, of any faith or none.

You can find the charity on Facebook or simply check out their website for more information…**www.careforthefamily.org.uk**

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World Day of Prayer 2027

(formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)

is celebrating its centennial with the theme **"United in Prayer for Justice and Peace".**

When: **Friday 5th March 2027 at 2.00 pm**

Venue: **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Mattishall**

If anyone would like to take part in the set service, prepared by Christian women from the WDP International Committee on the theme "United in Prayer for Justice and Peace", please contact **Eileen on 01362 692809.**

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Once upon a time.

Once upon a time there was a little girl who remembers saying grace at school and a prayer at the end of the school day.

She also recalls going to Sunday School and getting stickers.



Another memory is asking her Dad to read from a book given to her and her siblings by her Gran, called 'Stories of Jesus'. She vividly remembers asking her Dad whether the stories were true and when pressured into an answer he finally replied 'yes' and the little girl felt satisfied with his reply.

'Lord keep us safe tonight, secure from all our fears, may angels guard us while we sleep till morning light appears. Amen.'

This was the prayer the 6 year old recited every night before going to sleep. The little girl was me.



I'm an adult now and nothing gives me more pleasure than to talk to people about my faith. It was not an easy decision to ask Jesus into my life (that's what you do to become a Christian) I had questions about the whole thing. All I can say is that in this forever changing uncertain world I find an inner peace when I pray.

You too could experience this peace.

Do make contact with our vicar Kirsty, or anyone you know who goes to church if, like me, you have questions and can't believe it's true.

May your Christmas take on a new meaning this year. Nicola Cordle

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Need A Time To Reflect ?



Where better than the **Path of Reflection** at **All Saints' Church, Welborne!** There is even a seat from which to embrace the magnificent views across the open fields, changing with each season, as does the bird song.



It all began eight years ago when the repairs to the tower were completed and we were left with a mountain of rubble to dispose of and being consecrated ground it could not be removed from the site. Then the idea was born, let's make a path through the trees on the north side of the Church. It took time and much hard labour, but it was just a path! If it was to be a Path of Reflection it needed more and this is where the Rev. Sally Thurgill provided the missing link, adding a series of plaques with words to ponder over.





Do give it a try, as have hundreds of others, many of whom are non Church attendees but have found peace and solace there.



Church Image from:
http://www.norfolkchurches.co.uk/welbourne/welbourne.htm

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St Peter's at Yaxham and **All Saints' at East Tuddenham** church buildings are **open during daylight hours** for anyone to visit and find peace or to pray.

Keys for other churches are available – please contact the Church Office (See end of this booklet for contact details)

God Loves each one of us, God is love

Through prayer God can change things - try praying for a week and see what happens.

We can also pray for you, just ask someone you know who goes to Church or contact the Church Office (next door to Mattishall Surgery) or our Vicar, Rev. Kirsty Long — full contact details on the last page of this booklet) There are also prayer boxes in each of our churches and these requests will be included in our prayers.

We pray regularly on a monthly basis in and for our Benefice Churches and communities. You are most welcome to join us at any of these times:

- **St Mary's North Tuddenham** Morning Prayer 1st Tuesday of the Month 8.30am (1st Dec, 5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar)
- **St Michael's Hockering** Morning Prayer 1st Monday of the Month 9am (7th Dec, 4th Jan, 1st Feb, 1st Mar)
- **All Saints' Welborne** Morning Prayer 2nd Tuesday of the Month 9am (8th Dec, 12th Jan, 9th Feb, 9th Mar)
- **All Saints' East Tuddenham** Midday Prayer 3rd Wednesday of the Month 12noon (16th Dec, 20th Jan, 17th Feb, 17th Mar)
- **All Saints' Mattishall** (with prayers also for St Peter's, Mattishall Burgh) Morning Prayer 3rd Monday of the Month 9am (21st Dec, 18th Jan, 15th Feb, 15th Mar)
- **St Peter's Yaxham** Morning Prayer 4th Thursday of the Month 9.30am (28th Jan, 25th Feb, 25th Mar)

All together Monthly **Churches Together Prayers** in **Mattishall Church Rooms** 4th Monday of the Month 7pm (25th Jan, 22nd Feb, 22nd Mar)

Please also note:

Monthly **Mid-Week Benefice Communion Service** at **All Saints Welborne** 4th Tuesday of the Month 10am (22nd Dec, 26th Jan, 23rd Feb, 23rd Mar)

Home Communions are available upon request to Reverend Kirsty Long (contact details on the back of this booklet.)

Ding Dong Merrily??



So, here we go again. Outcome the nativity sets, (have we lost a shepherd? Where's the other angel?) the dusty artificial tree, and a resigned sigh as we edit the card list……

It is a bit like that, in part, isn't it? Christmas?

And the story? - the Magi from a part of the world riven by war and suffering, year on year, and lands ravaged by the climate disaster, where farmers can no longer reap a harvest, never mind a celebration of anything…. Where's the joy in that?

Shepherds have an increasingly hard time, here in the UK too, pastures dried out in the too hot summer, wool and meat prices fluctuate alarmingly. In Palestine, there can't be any sheep (or olive trees) left due to the ongoing conflict. Refugees, anyone looking for accommodation is at the bottom of a long, long list…..

And yet, still we hold fast to something, don't we? Because there ***IS*** something to hold on to, in the eternal story of Christmas. God sees His / our battered world, hardly coping with landslide after earthquake after named hurricane, and us, his people struggling to keep hope alive in the worst of places - and he says "Keep faith! I AM here! I am still love and hope"

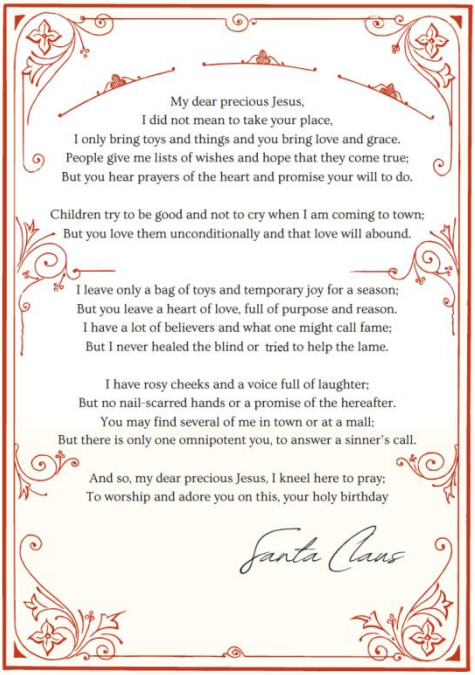
And we're back to the baby Jesus again, innocent in his cradle, like so many other babies around the world, and those with no cradle.

So that's my message for another Christmas. Keep going! God ***IS*** with us.

Be aware of the desperate need of our brothers and sisters in God's family, here and around our devastated and broken planet, but celebrate because God knows what it is like and He is here on our side still, in 2026.



The star is still shining with hope, and if you listen carefully, the angels are still singing, above the cacophony of our world. Turn your phone off and hear them! Happy Christmas! Frances Middleton





Author of the poem is unknown.
The artist of the image is
Gaye Frances Willard

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The True Meaning of Christmas:



Christmas has become such a commercial circus it is often easy to forget what it truly is – Christs' Mass.
But why not find a bit of time and use the Bible readings below to follow the First Christmas story (and if you can, listen or sing the carols which could add to the meaning.)

Reading 1: The birth of Jesus foretold: Matthew 1. 18-25
Carol: Silent Night

Reading 2: The birth of the Christ-child: Luke 2.1-7
Carol: Away in a manger

Reading 3: The shepherds and the angels Luke 2.8-20
Carol: While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Reading 4: The wise men journey to Bethlehem led by a star
Carol: In the bleak midwinter

Reading 5: Emmanuel, God with us: John 1: 1-14
Carol: Hark the herald angels sing

Each November Samaritan's Purse accepts donations of Christmas wrapped and filled shoeboxes with recommended items suitable for children from 2 to 14 years old. Over the Christmas season these shoeboxes are transported across the world, to less fortunate children, who might otherwise receive nothing or very little during this time. For several years now our local toddler group "Little Angels", our local churches and communities have, contributed to this incredible charity, who put **LOVE** into **ACTION**. Please do look up **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child UK** and consider how you may be able to help in the coming year. (There are some empty boxes available in our Benefice Churches and you can also donate towards the cost of transporting the filled boxes to the children who need them).





This is a great teaching activity of giving and compassion to include your children and grandchildren in and can be started right now by bargain hunting for those sale items throughout the year and even recycling any new or unwanted small gift/toy items that will fit into a shoebox (do check out the accepted items on their website). Completed shoeboxes can be dropped off to the Church Office in Mattishall (next to the pharmacy/surgery) at any point during opening hours. Thank you.



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Have you thought about a Baptism or Blessing Service for your child, young person or yourself?

Would you like an informal chat where you can receive further details and options?

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Drop In - We continue to meet weekly, Thursdays 10 - 12, in All Saints Church, Mattishall (ASM). Our numbers have increased dramatically over the last year and we now average up to 40 people. We have introduced a **JIGSAW PUZZLE SWAP** so if you fancy trying a new puzzle at home, you can take one from our table. During the morning some of our members work together to complete a puzzle, great fun and we even framed the first one and have it in the church!

We are now a **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY** group for anyone who has memory issues - ideal for people to attend with a family member or carer. There are activities to have a go at and this is a nice opportunity for carers to have a chat with others in a safe place.

On December 3rd we will have **Mid Norfolk Handbell Ringers** with us playing Christmas Tunes from 11am and a light lunch will be served from midday.
Each week we ask people, where possible, to make a small contribution of £2, although that is not essential but helps with heating costs. On days when we provide lunch it helps if people can increase that contribution to £5 to help cover extra costs.

Drop In Christmas Party - On Thursday 17th December we are holding our final meeting before Christmas and will have singing and lunch. We meet that day from 10am, as normal and the fun starts around 11 am, followed by lunch and ending with a singalong of Christmas songs and carols. We resume our normal Thursday mornings from 7th January 2027.



Book Club – Our **very informal** book club meets on the second Wednesday every month at 2.30pm in ASM. We do not all read the same book, we just bring along whatever we have been reading and give a very brief description of the books and whether we recommend them, or not! Some people now use Kindle, which is fine, they can still tell us about their reading. Lots of chat and laugher and the chance to find out about new authors and to swap the books among the group. We have a cuppa and cake as well so plenty to enjoy. Our numbers have increased this year and we had 17 people at one meeting so it must be good fun! A small donation to help with the cost of heating the church in the winter is appreciated but not essential.





Singing For Wellbeing - These **FREE** sessions are great fun and we have new people coming along all the time to join in. We have up to 20 people attending! We meet twice monthly, one evening and one lunchtime session. The lunchtime session is on the second Wednesday of the month, 1 – 2 pm just before book club. The evening session is on the 4th Thursday of the month from 7 – 8pm . Sessions are held in All Saints Church, Mattishall - plenty of space and we arrive a bit early for a cuppa together before we start. During the very cold

months we may only meet once a month on the Wednesday or move into the church rooms for the Thursday evening. Phone me on 01362 850491 if you want to check on any of the Thursday sessions. You do not need to have a good voice or know anything about music, just to enjoy singing and having fun. Our songs range from Vera Lynn to Rock'n Roll! **The aim is to leave with a smile on your face.**



Community Choir- this has developed from the singing sessions, again, nothing formal, just a group of people who enjoy singing. Our next event for the choir is to lead the singing at the **COMMUNITY SUPPER** to be held on Friday December 11th from 6pm (see poster below.) This will be a **FREE EVENT** for anyone to come along and have a great Christmas social evening with craft stalls, cheese and wine supper, quiz, singing and entertainment (entertainment starts at 7pm). **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. Last year over 100 people joined us and we had a lovely evening together celebrating Christmas. Look out for posters with all the details.

For more information about any of the above,
please contact Lizzie -**01362 850491**



Christmas Family Fun Afternoon

Sunday 6th December
2pm – 4.15pm
All Saints Mattishall

Lots of Family Activities
Free Entry
with Crafts, Games, Music, Songs
& Refreshments

Father Christmas will be in the church from 2pm – 4pm

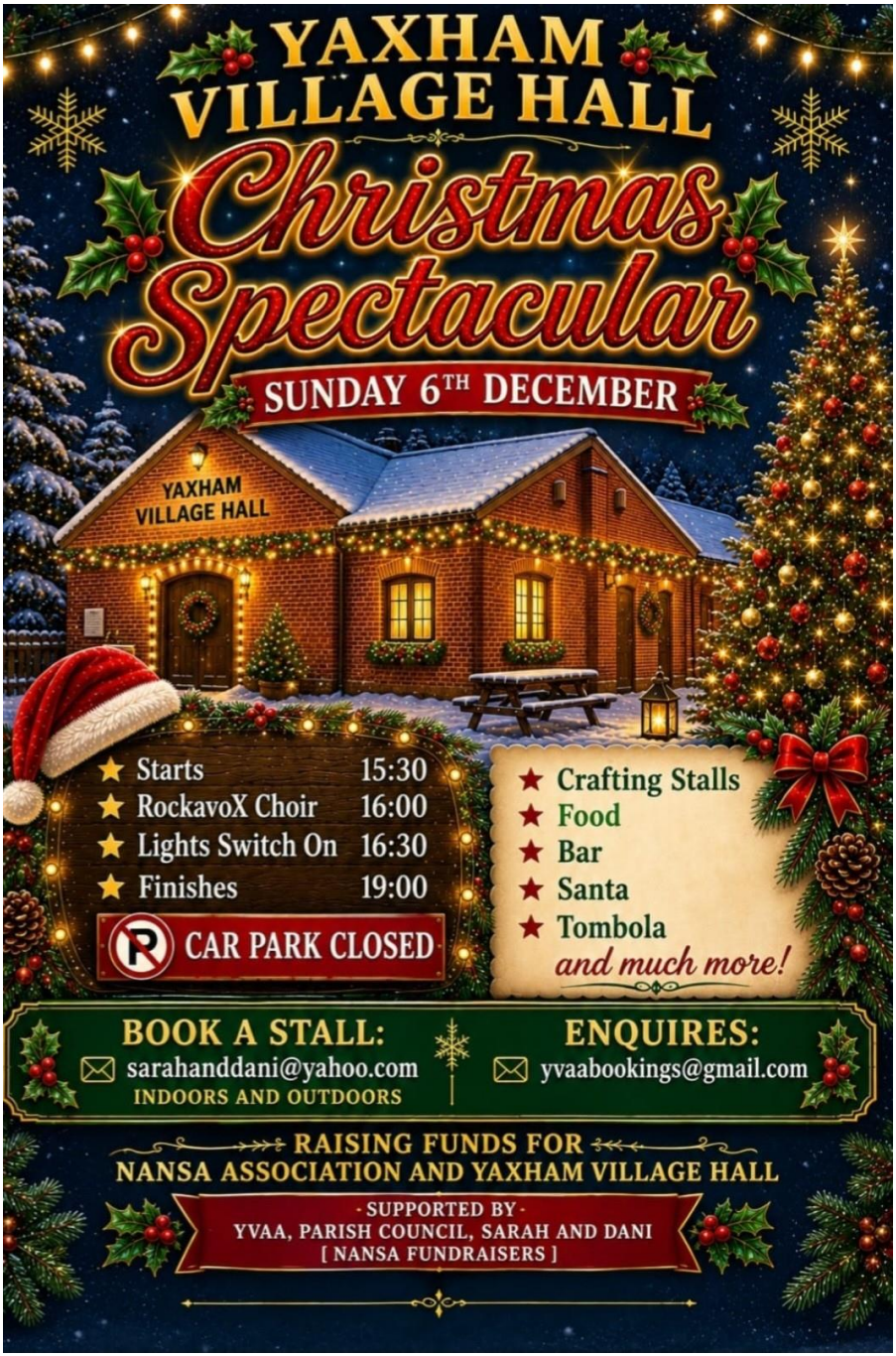
Mulled wine and mince pies will be served on the Village Green from 4.15pm ready to see the Christmas lights switched on at 4.30pm

In partnership with the Mattishall Parish Council

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Our Church Office is run by our Benefice Administrator, Mandy. Her tireless work supports all of our Churches and beyond. You can contact her (details on back of booklet) about anything to do with our Benefice, the Churches and Church Families within it. Thank you, Mandy!




YAXHAM
VILLAGE HALL
Christmas
Spectacular
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER
YAXHAM
VILLAGE HALL
Starts 15:30
RockavoX Choir 16:00
Lights Switch On 16:30
Finishes 19:00
CAR PARK CLOSED
Crafting Stalls
Food
Bar
Santa
Tombola
and much more!
BOOK A STALL:
sarahanddani@yahoo.com
INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
ENQUIRES:
yvaabookings@gmail.com
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Yaxham Village Hall

Come along, have a cuppa,
and catch up with your neighbours!



Coffee Morning

10am – 12 noon

2nd and 4th Thursday
every month

Community Hub

10am – 12 noon

1st Thursday
every month

Whether you're popping in for a cuppa,
a slice of cake, or just a friendly chat,
everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you!

Christian Bookshop

Green Pastures

Books - Bibles - Gifts - Cards

We have an amazing range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts.

Bibles and commentaries too!

Pop in and say hello - we'd love to see you.

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Opening Times
Mon-Fri: 9.30-4
Sat: 9.30-12.30

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Hockering Coffee Mornings

in support of **St. Michael's Church, Hockering.**



We meet most months in Hockering Village Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 Noon. **This year's Christmas Coffee Morning is Saturday 28th November 2026.**

There are refreshments including tea, coffee, squash, cake and sausage rolls as well as stalls for Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, and visiting sellers as and the **Great Bagatelle Challenge.**

It is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and make new ones as well as supporting your local church.

The planned dates for 2027 are 16th January, 20th February, 20th March, 17th April, 15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 18th September, 16th October, 27th November (this would be our Christmas event). Please also check the posters on the notice boards outside the Village Hall, the Church and 29 Manor Close in case there are any unexpected changes during the course of the year. Thank you.

MATTISHALL COMMUNITY HUB

Promoting social contact & community projects

Come for a cuppa & chat in a friendly environment.
Everyone welcome. (u16s to be accompanied)

The first Tuesday of every month, 2-4pm

Mattishall Memorial Hall
South Green, Mattishall, NR20 3JY

Free entry & refreshments
Fun table quizzes, Give & Take Table
Speakers, Performers, Fund-raisers, Raffles etc.

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07395 829301

Come along on **Tuesday 1 December** and be entertained by Wayland Men's Shed Shantymen – there will also be mince pies!



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COMMUNITY FUND



A Bite Of Christmas Humour

A four-year-old boy was asked to give thanks before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanked God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mummy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the gravy, the cranberry sauce, the mince pies, the Christmas pudding and the brandy butter.



Then he paused and everyone waited – and waited. After a long silence, the young boy looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the sprouts, won't he know I'm lying?"

From A Bucket of Surprises, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

Christmas 2026 Events and Services

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tuesday, 1st	*8.30 a.m.*	*Monthly Morning Prayer*	*St. Mary's, North Tuddenham*
Sunday, 6th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	All Saints' Welborne
Sunday, 6th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	St. Michael's, Hockering
Sunday, 6th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	All Saints', Mattishall
Sunday, 6th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, North Tuddenham
Monday, 7th	*9.00 a.m.*	*Monthly Morning Prayer*	*St. Michael's, Hockering*
Tuesday, 8th	*9.00 a.m.*	*Morning Prayer*	*All Saints' Welborne*
Sunday, 13th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	All Saints', Mattishall
Sunday, 13th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	All Saints', Mattishall
Sunday, 13th	11.00 a.m.	Carol Service	St. Michael's, Hockering
Sunday, 13th	2.00 p.m.	Carol Service	St. Peter's, Yaxham
Sunday, 13th	3.00 p.m.	Salvation Army Carol Service	All Saints' Welborne
Sunday, 13th	4.00 p.m.	Oasis (for families with young children)	All Saints', Mattishall
Wednesday, 16th	*12 Noon*	*Lunchtime Prayers*	*All Saints', East Tuddenham*
Sunday, 20th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	All Saints' Welborne
Sunday, 20th	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Michael's, Hockering
Sunday, 20th	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service	St. Mary's, North Tuddenham
Sunday, 20th	6.00 p.m.	Carol Service	All Saints', Mattishall
Monday, 21st	*9.00 a.m.*	*Morning Prayer*	*All Saints', Mattishall*
Tuesday, 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints' Welborne
CHRISTMAS EVE			
Thursday, 24th	**2.00 p.m.**	**Carol Service**	**All Saints', East Tuddenham**
Thursday, 24th	**4.00 p.m.**	**Christingle**	**All Saints', Mattishall**
Thursday, 24th	**9.00 p.m.**	**Holy Communion**	**All Saints' Welborne**
Thursday, 24th	**11.30 p.m.**	**Midnight Communion**	**St. Michael's, Hockering**
CHRISTMAS DAY			
Friday 25th	**9.30 a.m.**	**Crib Service**	**St. Peter's, Yaxham**
Friday 25th	**10.30 a.m.**	**Holy Communion**	**All Saints', Mattishall**
Sunday 27th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Peter's, Yaxham

All dates and times are correct at the time of printing – please check the Mattishall & Tudd Valley website or the Church Office– Please see back of this booklet for contact details.

❤ GIRLGUIDING: THE ADVENTURE NEVER STOPS ❤

Friendship • Fun • Confidence • Adventure

More than a club… it's a place to belong, try new things and make memories that last a lifetime!

At **Girlguiding**, no two adventures are ever quite the same! We have fun, make friends, learn new skills and challenge ourselves to try things we might never have done before.

Our Guides have already enjoyed some amazing activities together, including:



SNOW TUBING - Racing down the slopes, sharing laughs and making unforgettable memories.



CRAZY GOLF - Putting our skills to the test and enjoying some friendly competition.



TEN-PIN BOWLING - A few strikes, a few spares and plenty of laughter along the way!

But we're not stopping there… the adventures keep coming!



NEXT STOP: EATON VALE… IN THE DARK! - We're heading to Eaton Vale Activity Centre for an after-dark adventure! We're looking forward to taking on new challenges, stepping outside our comfort zones and making even more memories together.

COMING IN DECEMBER: CINEMA TAKEOVER



Lights, camera, action: **Girlguiding** is taking over the cinema for a special day, joining other units to watch **HEXED** together. A big-screen experience, time with friends and, of course, a little cinema magic. What's not to love?



WHY GUIDES MATTERS TO US

Don't just take our word for it… here's what our girls have to say about being part of Guides:

Guide 1: "I enjoy Guides because I get to go on amazing experiences with my friends and try things that I would never normally do."
Guide 2: "I enjoy Guides because it makes me happy and it's super fun"
Guide 3: "You get to socialise and attend fun activities with friends."
Guide 4: "I like Guides because it's super fun"

❤ A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER

“As a Leader, it's lovely to see the girls' achievements, no matter how small or large they may be. Every new skill they learn, every challenge they overcome and every smile along the way reminds me that we are making memories together that will last a lifetime.”

✸ IT'S ABOUT SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST ACTIVITIES

Girlguiding gives girls the chance to:

💓 Make new friends and strengthen friendships.

💓 Build confidence and believe in themselves.

💓 Discover new interests and learn exciting skills.

💓 Try things they might never have thought possible.

💓 Work together, support each other and celebrate achievements.

💓 Create memories that they will look back on for years to come.

Sometimes the biggest achievement isn't winning, getting something right or being the best. Sometimes it's having the confidence to try something new, overcoming a fear or simply walking away with a smile.

And that's what makes **Girlguiding** so special.

❤ EVERY GIRL HAS A PLACE. EVERY GIRL HAS A VOICE. EVERY GIRL CAN SHINE. At **Girlguiding**, we don't just sit around talking about adventures…**WE GO OUT AND HAVE THEM**

From snow tubing and bowling to after-dark adventures and cinema trips, we are building friendships, growing in confidence and making memories one activity at a time.



BE BRAVE. BE YOURSELF. BELONG.

COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE



Find your local unit at **www.girlguiding.org.uk**

Girlguiding – inspiring girls to discover their potential, make a difference and be the best they can be. 💓

Mary at Mattishall Guides

MEET YOUR LOCAL AREA COORDINATORS

JO & BARBARA

HERE FOR DEREHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS



Local Area Coordinators help individuals and communities get the support they need in a simple, practical way, making it easier for people to live fulfilling, independent lives.



JO Jo joins the team with extensive knowledge and experience within social care.

BARBARA Barbara's background is in all-age social prescribing supporting our most vulnerable residents for the past ten years.

CONNECTING PEOPLE | **BUILDING COMMUNITY** | **SUPPORTING WELLBEING**

Local Area Coordinators **walk alongside you, listen without judgement,** and help you work towards the life you want. **You stay in control,** we go at **your pace,** focus on what matters to you, and build on **your strengths and existing connections.**

Together, we can build a stronger, healthier Community.

Contact Jo on 07776 588062 or Barbara on 07385 020187

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.

mind
0300 123 3393
Helpline
mind.org.uk

shout 85258
Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service
giveusashout.org

SAMARITANS
116 123
24/7 helpline
samaritans.org

YoungMiNDS
Text YM to 85258
24/7 text service
youngminds.org.uk

CALM
0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men
thecalmzone.net

PAPYRUS
0800 068 4141
Under 35s Helpline
papyrus-uk.org

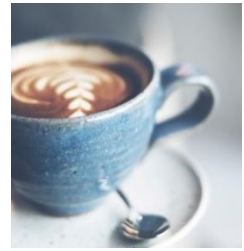
Tea & Chat for the Bereaved

You are invited to come and chat in a safe and friendly space over a cuppa

at the **Vicarage, Back Lane, Mattishall**, NR20 3PU

on a Thursday **2.30pm – 4.00pm**

3rd December 2026
28th January 2027
25th February 2027
25th March 2027





Your Church Needs You!



Each of the seven churches within the Mattishall and Tudd Valley Group belongs to all of you - the villagers. Whether you attend them regularly or not, they are there for each of you throughout your life. They have stood tall for centuries and have welcomed people into them to worship, reflect & pray as well as offering life event services of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

A wide range of community groups and events are run throughout the year in these buildings too, including Little Angels (parent & toddler group), community drop in, music concerts, photographic displays, the Christmas activity afternoon and nursery and school visits.

To enable us to keep these beautiful, magnificent buildings open for the future generations they need financial support from the local community, other than church members, who are wholly responsible to fund and maintain them. Because, as you can imagine, it is not cheap to maintain these buildings on yearly basis and we are often encountering large bills, just to get the churches watertight or safe.

The generosity of individuals has been amazing this last year, and we give thanks to all who have supported our buildings by giving and for all those who have worked endlessly, applying for grants or physically doing odd repairs around each of the buildings.

However, 2027 is not going to look any different to previous years and we already have a list of maintenance jobs which need to be done, including a leaky roof, woodworm and a unplayable organ alongside the daily upkeep of the buildings to keep them safe for you all to use.

Each of our churches needs similar help both financially or with labour, so if you can help in any way at all, we will be extremely grateful. All contributions whether big or small will help maintain these buildings and our heritage for the next generation. Tanks you.

For further information please contact Revd Kirsty Long or the Church Office in the first instance (see back page of booklet for contact details).

All Saints Mattishall Restoration Project

We are setting up a friends' group to restore All Saints Mattishall on Church Plain. The magnificent church is a focal point in the village and part of our heritage having been there since 14th century.

It is Grade I listed and we are looking to raise around £500k through grants and community engagement to carry out essential repairs and improve the interior to make it more suitable for wider community use.

As a grade l building restoration and conservation work must be done to specific standards. The roof is leaking and pieces of sconces have recently fallen off, inside. It needs extensive heritage re-plastering and painting. We want this to be a welcoming space for everyone in the community and for generations to come.



Membership will be £5 a year, with free entry to one event and a twice a year newsletter. This exciting heritage project is open to people of all faiths and none and there will be many hands on opportunities to get involved.

Contact **sue.sterry58@gmail.com**

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St Mary's Church, North Tuddenham



Hello everyone.

I am conscious, as every Fabric Officer/ Treasurer is, of keeping on top of minor works that need doing to prevent them becoming expensive major projects.

Securing finances seems to be even more difficult these days and the loss of the Listed Places of Worship Government scheme has exacerbated the situation.

Major tower repair, stabilisation and drainage work a few years ago undoubtedly saved our church from collapse.

Recently, we have noticed cracks in the flint work below one of the stained glass windows of the nave. Also, a hole has appeared in the nave roof which may be just a displaced tile, but it needs attention.

Finally, the east internal wall of the porch is becoming an eyesore as the lime plaster continues to crack and break up. There is definitely ingress of

water, which has to be stemmed first, before re-plastering can be attempted.

We have awarded the work to Tyrell Builders, who come highly recommended by Norfolk Churches Trust, and have tendered at a very competitive price. We are applying for a small grant for these repairs.

Interest in visiting St Mary's church to see the 'treasures' within, is increasing, but frustrates many who visit the church and find it closed and churchwardens unavailable to open it.

So the proposal by Norfolk Churches Trust, to fund 50 churches with £1,000 each to install automatic magnetic timed door locks, was too good to ignore. We have been inspected and received the go-ahead from the Diocese.

We don't have much money within the Fabric/Restricted account after the tower work, but I am convinced that careful and prudent investment in small maintenance jobs can preserve many churches like ours.

Good luck to other Parochial Church Council's in the same position

Mike Smith

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Meditation by Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, will I trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Mattishall Methodist Church



Carol Service on **Sunday** 20th December at 2.30pm.

Weekly Sunday Services at 2.30 p.m.

Weekly Bible Study - Thursdays at 2.30 pm. alternating with Garvestone Methodist Church. (Contact Fred, see below, for venues.)

See Noticeboard for details. All are welcome.

Also, meeting rooms for hire – All enquiries to Fred on **01362 850750**

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Mattishall Evangelical Church



Sunday, December 20th 4.00pm: Carols by Candlelight. With seasonal snacks

Christmas Day

10.30am: Celebrating Immanuel – God is with us

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Yaxham Chapel



Carol service in the chapel

Sunday 20th Dec 6.30pm Leader Nick Lincoln



Carol singing starting at 7pm

Up Well Hill & to Spring Lane, Tue 22nd Dec

Paper Street & up to Well Hill, Thurs 24th December

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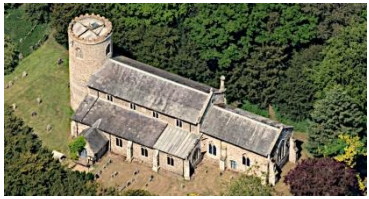
THE SINGING.BIBLE™ Experience God's Word

This is amazing - the whole Bible, sung in different styles of music with male or female singers. Just start with Genesis, or wherever…..

You can choose the style: heavyrock, reggae, jazz…..so many other different genres.

https://thesinging.bible/#sbe/male/adult/jazz/01-genesis/1

News on St Peter's Church, Yaxham



The PCC (Parochial Church Council for St Peter's) has been busy behind the scenes!

In addition to the general upkeep and management of the building and churchyard (a huge thank you to those who attend to these matters, you know who you are!), we have been busy getting a survey of the building, to highlight any items which need attention, mostly notably to repair the roof to the Lady Chapel/South Aisle. We are at the stage where we are waiting for the specification to be finalised and we can seek detailed quotations for the envisaged works. The works = a long list.

We appreciate it is important to all, that this building is kept in good condition and appearance for us now and for future generations, so all can continue to worship God in this village.

Look out for further information ……..

We are also conscious of the part our churches play in the stewardship of creation, that is, how we look after what God has given us. Accordingly, we hope to have applied for Bronze Eco Church status by the time you read this. The questions we have had to consider are many and very varied and do not merely apply to where we get our electricity from and how we look after the churchyard, but is our money used wisely and ethically, where do our consumables come from, how do we engage with the community, do we recycle everything, do we use responsibly sourced materials…….?

Look out for further news!

Image from:
https://www.yarmouthnorfolk.co.uk/churches/st-peters-church-yaxham/ accessed 26-Oct-2026



FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

COME AND JOIN US ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON in ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MATTISHALL

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

2nd SUNDAY EVERY MONTH

We start with a craft/game and follow with a short drama, telling a well known bible story.

Children love dressing up!

We pray, we sing and finish up with plenty of food to enjoy.

COME AND EXPLORE WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN

It's FREE!!

Are you a new mum/dad at home with a little one ?

Our Little Angels Toddler Group runs

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN TERM TIME

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MATTISHALL

9.00—11.30 AM

We have a dedicated area for young babies and plenty of space for toddlers with oodles of toys, including craft, messy play , construction, puzzles, soft play and role play.

Adults can enjoy refreshments throughout the morning with chance to chat and children have a healthy snack mid morning.

Cost is £2.00 for one child and £3.00 for two or more.

Do come and see us, pop in any Wednesday in term time, we would love to see you.





Or contact me on

sue.cossey@matvchurch.uk

for further information

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

FOR DADS, GRANDADS & FATHER FIGURES WITH CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 2



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MATTISHALL

9:00AM – 10:30AM

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bacon rolls & hot drinks for adults
- Unlimited snacks & drinks for children
- Toys, games, crafts & fun activities for all



£3 PER FAMILY

A relaxed, friendly space to spend quality time with your children, meet other dads, and have fun together.

COME ALONG TO THE NEXT SESSION – WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!

CHRISTMAS



What does Christmas mean to you?

Writing cards, wrapping presents you have spent ages considering and purchasing?

Putting up the decorations and all the pretty lights?

Or maybe it is planning menus and buying all the treats and goodies?

Working out how you will decorate the table with crackers and presents?

Arranging games and entertainment for the evenings?

While all of these things make up Christmas for most of us, to me it means so much more.

I celebrate the birth of my saviour.

Baby Jesus, prophesied throughout the Old Testament of the Bible, was born in a dirty stable, thankfully provided by an innkeeper because he had no room in the inn. Sadly, it is the same today commercialisation has taken over, leaving no room for Jesus.

One thing I am so grateful for is that God sent His only Son into a world to the poorest of the poor. The angels took the message to the shepherds on a cold hillside protecting their sheep, not to the royal palace of Herod, so everyone can be included. Jesus came to be saviour to all. We all love our Christmas gifts but this free gift from God himself, is for all who care to accept Him as Saviour.

We are all sinners and need to be forgiven. You don't have to teach a child to do wrong it is human nature. That sin will keep us out of heaven, unless we accept the free gift of His Son , ask for forgiveness and accept Jesus as our Saviour. The best gift of all.

Will you accept that free gift this Christmas and change your life forever? And I mean forever in this world and the one to come. May this be the happiest Christmas for you. **Beryl Garner**

Mid Norfolk Food Bank covering Dereham, Fakenham and Swaffham has had a busy year. We have collected over 21,000 kg of food and have distributed 24,500 kg of food since January 2026. We have helped over 5,000 people of which about 1600 were children.

We are very grateful to all our contributors and would like to thank the many people who help us and ensure the food is distributed to the people in need. These include the fantastic supermarkets and other outlets who collect the food, our many volunteers in the warehouse, the food centres and the drivers and individuals, who are able to send us money to help us to buy the extras that we need.



If anyone would like to help by volunteering, donating goods or wants to set up regular donations please contact:

info@midnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk

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Norwich Anglican Cursillo

"What is Cursillo?

"Anglican Cursillo is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone."

Cursillo offers to committed Christians a proven way of discipleship in which they are supported and encouraged. It begins with a three day weekend – sometimes compressed into two days – after which the rest of your life is referred to as the "fourth day." Some 'pilgrims' will attend a

weekend and then have no further involvement, but most go on to make use of the Cursillo method, which involves small group meetings on a regular basis, and less frequent bigger gatherings in a locality or diocese.

What is Cursillo NOT?

Cursillo is **NOT** a secret society, a sect, a breakaway movement or a private club. Rumours and allegations of such things are usually based on either a lack of information about what really goes on, or in some cases as a result of over-enthusiastic 'Cursillistas' (those who have been on a weekend) returning with enormous excitement to a bemused congregation!

Is it "Official?"

YES, Cursillo is diocese-based, and can only operate within a diocese with the Bishop's permission and blessing. Because of the unique way that each weekend trains the leader of the next, Cursillo can only move into a new Diocese by being "gifted" from another – and this has to have the permission of both Bishops.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Why all the Spanish words?

Because Cursillo began in Spain, and it's just a part of our rich heritage. *And a bit of fun! "* *https://anglicancursillo.uk/ accessed 29-Sept-26*

My Cursillo Journey. I have been a Cursillista for so many years, I can't remember exactly when I made my retreat Weekend, but I do know it was in the Dioceses of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich at Leiston, Suffolk and well over 20 years ago! I then moved to the Ely area and became a member of Ely Diocesan Cursillo.

When I moved to Norfolk 20 years ago, there was no Cursillo in Norfolk. I had this silly thought in my head that God had enabled me to move to Norfolk so easily – job and house were just there when I needed them – that I was going to be involved in bringing Cursillo to Norfolk! Mmmmmm. Six months after moving here I had heard nothing and I remember telling myself off for being so arrogant.

Then I got the phone call! Rev Jane Atkins who was vicar in Ashill at the time was getting a team together to bring Cursillo to Norfolk and would I consider joining them? You can guess my reply and the rest, as they say, is history.

We were gifted by Leicester Cursillo and I was a member of the Standing Committee that got things going. After that I was on the Secretariat, staffed on some of the Weekend Retreats and was also the Lay Leader for one of the Weekends.

I did step back a bit due to health problems but am now starting to go to as many of the Ultreyas as possible, which are the 'bigger gatherings' mentioned before. Unfortunately there are no Small Groups in our Benefice at the moment. These are groups of about four to six Cursillistas (*or more!*), who meet on a regular basis to share and support each other. The meetings could be weekly, fortnightly or monthly depending on what the group decides.

Cursillo is definitely not meant to take you away from your Parish worship, church family or commitments – quite the opposite. It is to support you in all of these and of course in your own personal faith journey. It is open to Lay and Clergy – we even had one of our own Norwich Diocesan Bishops attend as a participant on one of our Weekends.

If you would like to find out more, please visit the **Norwich Anglican Cursillo** web page **https://norwichanglicancursillo.co.uk/** or contact me (details below). There may be some leaflets at the back of your church. You would also be very welcome to attend one of our Ultreyas which are advertised in the events section of our website.

Our next **Cursillo Weekend Retreat** is **9th to 12th June 2027**. This will be at The Christian Endeavour Centre, The Pleasaunce, Overstrand, NR27 0PN located on the Beach front with beautiful walks on beach and cliffs. There is a cost for accommodation, but please don't let that stop you from coming as we do have some Bursaries available if needed.



Heather Flint **heather.flint@matvchurch.uk**

Hockering Church of England Primary Academy



Our small, rural school, Hockering Church of England Primary Academy, is a community-rooted Church of England Academy in Norfolk that operates as part of the Eden Federation.

The school is grounded in Christian core values that aim to nurture and nourish every learner, enabling them to flourish in our warm and inclusive environment. Our school's daily life and culture are built upon a strong moral code, teaching pupils to care for one another, within mixed-age classes.

Rooted in its Christian ethos, Hockering Church of England Primary, encourages children to develop a deep understanding of other people's feelings, values, and beliefs and places an emphasis on social morality alongside personal, social, health, and economic education.

In September, our Year 6 pupils worked with pupils across the wider Eden Federation, to complete Team Leader training and all our pupils have enjoyed the opportunity of taking part in sporting events across the

region this term, including football and cross country. Dance and dodgeball competitions are amongst others still to come.

We have a new gardening club this term, with a focus on our wonderful outdoor spaces, planting and designing the space, working closely with our fantastic Friends of Hockering Primary School, who have kindly funded several projects and work so hard to support the school.

As a member of the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust, we maintain close community and church ties. Reverend Kirsty Long and church administrator Mandy Burnett, deliver weekly Collective Worship at the school and in October, Reverend Kirsty led the school's Harvest Assembly at St. Michael's Church. We shared our Harvest poems and songs and collected donations for the Mid Norfolk Food Bank. We are looking forward to our Christmas events, including our church service in December and our school community extends our good wishes to all readers for the festive season.

Contact – Beth Quinn – Head of School
Catherine Diver - School Secretary
Address: The Street, Hockering, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 3HN
Tel: **01603 880310** E-mail: **officehockering@trinity.dneat.org**

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Yaxham Primary Academy

Celebrating Our Ofsted Inspection Success

We are delighted to share the positive outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection at Yaxham Church of England Primary Academy, which took place in July 2026. The report recognises the many strengths of our school and reflects the dedication, commitment and hard work of our staff, pupils, governors, families and wider community.

Of particular note, Ofsted recognised a Strong Standard in both Inclusion and Personal Development and Wellbeing, highlighting the school's caring and inclusive culture, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. Inspectors praised the warm relationships between pupils and staff, the strong sense of belonging, the opportunities for enrichment and

the way our Christian ethos shapes the experiences of our children. They also confirmed that our safeguarding standards are met, recognising the open and positive culture in which everyone takes responsibility for keeping children safe.

Across all other areas, including achievement, curriculum, teaching, early years, leadership and governance, the school was judged to meet the Expected Standard. Inspectors recognised the ambition of our curriculum, the progress pupils make, the positive behaviour throughout the school and the strong relationships we enjoy with parents and the wider community.

At the heart of these achievements is our Christian vision: 'Through loving God and loving others, we flourish, learn and grow.' Inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew 22:37–40, we believe that loving God and loving our neighbour should underpin everything we do. The inspection findings provide wonderful affirmation that this vision is being lived out daily through the care we show one another, the opportunities we provide and our determination to help every child reach their full potential.

As Chair of Governors, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our Headteacher, Jennie Müller, all members of staff, our pupils, parents and carers, and our wider church and community partners. This is a shared achievement and one of which we can all be immensely proud.

We recognise that there is always more to do, and we remain committed to building on these successes, continuing to improve and ensuring that Yaxham Church of England Primary Academy remains a place where everyone is loved, valued and able to flourish.

Through loving God and loving others, we flourish, learn and grow.

Leroy Burrell, Chair of Governors

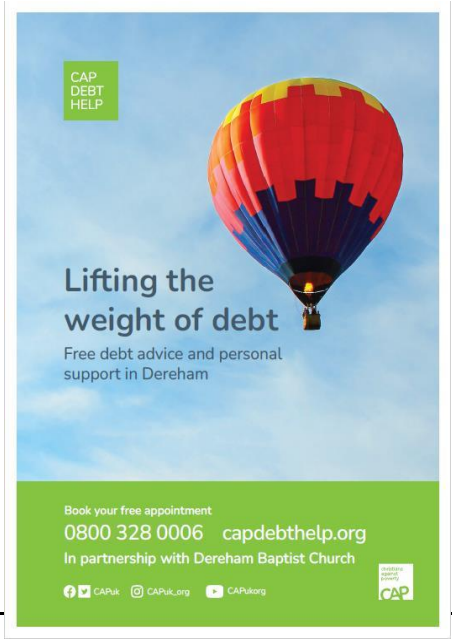
Yaxham Church of England Primary Academy
School contact details: Telephone : **01362 692033**
Email: **office@yaxham.dneat.org**

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Mattishall Primary wishes everyone in our wonderful village and wider community a restful, peaceful and love-filled Christmas. Enjoy precious time together!

01362 858451 office@mattishallprimary.org.uk





Struggling with Debt?

Dereham Baptist Church, in partnership with Christians Against Poverty **(CAP),** offers free, expert debt advice to individuals in Dereham and the surrounding areas.

To book an appointment, simply call **0800 328 0006**.

Our compassionate team will listen to your concerns in the privacy of your own home and help you find practical solutions to manage your debts.

Charity money available

Some villages have charities associated with that village and applications can be made to receive grants. Please contact Church Office in the first instance. (See back page for contact details)



www.matvchurch.uk

Check out our website for information on who we are, what we do, where we do it and how we do it!

You have an open invitation to all events and are most welcome to worship with us; we would love to see you!

To Contact Us — for whatever reason……

***Life Events** – weddings, funerals, baptisms, memorial services, thanksgiving for a child……*
If anyone wishes to hold a life event in one of our churches, please, in the first instance, contact the Rev. Kirsty Long or the Church Office. See below for contact details. Thank you.

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Phone**: 01362 562227 / 07788 504640**
Email**: kirsty.long@matvchurch.uk**
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Open: **Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.**
(except Bank Holidays and annual leave.)

Mattishall & Tudd Valley Benefice

Serving the villages of East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall, North Tuddenham, Welborne and Yaxham

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