

*The Yoxmere  
Fisherman*

December 2021



January 2022

# Church Services for December 2021

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## Sunday 5th December Advent 2

10.00 Dunwich Benefice Holy Communion

## Sunday 12th December Advent 3

09.30 Darsham Morning Praise  
Theberton Taizé  
Westleton Croissants@Church  
Yoxford Holy Communion  
11.00 Dunwich Holy Communion  
Middleton Morning Praise  
Peasenhall Morning Prayer

## Friday 17th December

18.30 Sibton Carol Service

## Sunday 19th December Advent 4

09.30 Theberton Holy Communion  
Westleton Holy Communion  
Yoxford family@church  
11.00 Darsham Holy Communion  
Dunwich Morning Worship  
Peasenhall Holy Communion BCP  
16.00 Westleton Carols by Candlelight  
18.30 Yoxford Carol Service

## Tuesday 21st December

15.30 Darsham Carol Service  
18.30 Middleton Carol Service

## Thursday 23rd December

15.00 Dunwich Carol Service

## Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

16.00 Theberton Crib Service  
Yoxford Crib Service  
23.15 Middleton Midnight Mass

## Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

09.30 Theberton Holy Communion  
Yoxford Holy Communion  
10.00 Westleton Worship for All  
Christmas Celebration  
11.00 Darsham Holy Communion  
Dunwich Holy Communion  
Peasenhall Family Service

## Sunday 26th December Christmas 1

**St Stephen's Day**  
10.00 Westleton Benefice Holy Communion

## Sunday January 2nd Epiphany

10.00 Peasenhall Benefice Holy Communion

## Every Wednesday

10.00 Westleton Holy Communion  
20.00 ZOOM Night Prayer

*O come all ye faithful! I'm so looking forward to this year's carol services — we have two years' worth of celebrating to do! I hope you're looking forward to coming too! Of course Covid is still with us, and making some ill, and none of us wants either to catch it or to know that we've spread it. As such, I encourage you to take a lateral flow test (free from a pharmacy, or can be ordered online) in the 24 hours before coming to a carol service. If each of us does this, we can sing out and celebrate together with greater confidence. Thanks so much. Revd Tim.*

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The cover picture this month, of Middleton seen from Causeway Farm, is by Mark Mitchels.



# Church Services for January 2022

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## Sunday 2nd January Epiphany

10.00 Peasenhall Benefice Holy Communion

## Sunday 9th January Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ

09.30 Darsham Morning Praise  
Theberton Plough Sunday  
Westleton Croissants@Church  
Yoxford Holy Communion  
11.00 Dunwich Holy Communion  
Middleton Morning Praise  
Peasenhall Morning Prayer

## Sunday 16th January Epiphany 2

09.30 Theberton Holy Communion  
Westleton Holy Communion  
Yoxford family@church  
11.00 Darsham Holy Communion  
Dunwich Morning Worship  
Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)  
15.30 Sibton Evensong

## Sunday 23rd January Epiphany 3

09.30 Theberton Holy Communion with Middleton  
Westleton Holy Communion  
Yoxford Holy Communion  
11.00 Dunwich Holy Communion  
Peasenhall Morning Worship with Methodists  
15.30 Darsham Evensong

## Sunday 30th January Epiphany 4

09.30 Darsham Morning Praise  
Westleton Holy Communion  
Yoxford Morning Prayer  
11.00 Peasenhall Holy Communion

## Sunday 6th February 4th before Lent

10.00 Sibton Benefice Holy Communion

## Every Wednesday

10.00 Westleton Holy Communion  
20.00 ZOOM Night Prayer

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Holy Communion will follow the Common Worship (CW) order of service, except where BCP (*Book of Common Prayer*) is indicated.

### For links to ZOOM services

please contact Maureen Jolley on [maureen.yoxmereclergy@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.yoxmereclergy@gmail.com)

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**We are requesting that you continue to wear a face covering in church, use hand sanitiser, and observe social distancing.**

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# Rector's Ramblings

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I really love Christmas. Let me tell you about an unusual Christmas I had once. I was 22 and a friend and I were enjoying a gap year after university. We had spent two months in Mexico, where we had learnt a huge amount of Spanish in a short time. We were now travelling down to Guatemala City, to do voluntary work for a charity that took in street kids. But we had a couple of weeks to see the sights — Mayan pyramids on the Yucatan peninsula, and catching some sun in Isla Mujeres. On Christmas Eve we were at the border with Belize. We thought we'd camp somewhere for Christmas Day. But when we'd crossed into Belize we didn't like the look of the campsite. So we got the next bus, to Belize City. But that didn't feel right either! There was this exotic reggae wild west vibe to the place, but it didn't feel safe. We got on the next bus, to Belmopan, the capital (but the size of a large village), and it was getting dark when we arrived. There was one hotel near the bus stop — we checked in. And as we checked in, we heard the familiar and welcome sounds of carols in a nearby room. Moments later we joined the carol service of the local church meeting in the hotel conference room. And then afterwards — as we were greeted by strangers, amazed at our arrival — we told our story and were invited to join a family for Christmas the next day.

That Christmas day we were picked up, welcomed into a large family gathering, fed, and even given presents each — tapes of Christian music. We felt *so* welcomed, *so* honoured, and *so* humbled by the kindness of strangers. We truly felt as if that whole Christmas we were taken care of by God. We didn't know what we were doing, but God seemed to have a plan!

Shrill tabloid headlines recently proclaimed 'Christmas Cancelled!' — because supply shortages threaten our getting the toys we desire this Christmas. But we're bigger than that, and even our kids are, I think. Because when there is joy, and welcome, and carols and a shared meal, and the kindness of family, friends or even strangers — then we have captured the real spirit of Christmas, in which 'the Word became flesh, and dwelt with us', and Mary, and Magi and shepherds responded to that vulnerable arrival with great love.

Happy Christmas, and a joyful and blessed new year. Tim and family



Drumming workshop for school children in Yoxford Church as part of the Phoenix Project (see P. 32)

Below: Happy memory of a Christmas party at Coffee 4 U in Dunwich



Westleton's Cut & Rake: a hard morning's work for even the youngest attenders (see P. 24)

Below: candles for departed loved ones at the All Souls' Service in Peasenhall Church

Right: Theberton Church on November 11th: candles to remember the fallen



# Lectionary & Liturgical Colours for December & January

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## **5th December**

Second Sunday of Advent - Purple  
Malachi 3.1-4  
Philippians 1.3-11  
Luke 3.1-6

## **12th December**

Third Sunday of Advent - Purple  
Zephaniah 3.14-end  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.7-18

## **19th December**

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Purple  
Micah 5.2-5a  
Hebrews 10.5-10  
Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

## **25th December**

Christmas Day - White  
Isaiah 52.7-10  
Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12]  
John 1.1-14

## **26th December**

First Sunday of Christmas - White  
1 Samuel 2.18-20,26  
Colossians 3.12-17  
Luke 2.41-52

## **2nd January**

Epiphany Sunday - White  
Isaiah 60.1-6  
Ephesians 3.1-12  
Matthew 2.1-12

## **9th January**

1st Sunday of Epiphany - White  
Isaiah 43.1-7  
Acts 8.14-17  
Luke 3.15-17,21,22

## **16th January**

2nd Sunday of Epiphany - White  
Isaiah 62.1-5  
1 Corinthians 12.1-11  
John 2.1-11

## **23rd January**

3rd Sunday of Epiphany - White  
Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10  
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a  
Luke 4.14-21

## **30th January**

Presentation of Christ in the  
Temple (Candlemas) - White  
Malachi 3.1-5  
Hebrews 2.14-18  
Luke 2.22-40



## From the Registers

### Weddings

**James Barker and Eyerusalem Morka** on Saturday 2nd October, in St Peter's Church, Sibton

**Tom Broadbent and Guillemette (Gee) Bazieu** on Saturday 23rd October, in St Peter's Church, Westleton

### Funerals

**Barry John Thickett** on Friday 17th September aged 72 years, in St Michael's Church, Peasenhall, followed by burial in Peasenhall Churchyard

**Walter David Keetch** on Tuesday 9th November aged 77 years, in St Peter's Church, Theberton, followed by cremation at Seven Hills Crematorium

**Tim Philip Morphey** on Friday, 19th November aged 74 years, in St Peter's Church, Yoxford, followed by burial in Yoxford Cemetery

### Memorial

**Mrs Judith Mary McGrath** on Thursday 4th November. Memorial service in St James Church, Dunwich, followed by interment of ashes in Dunwich Graveyard

## family@church

**YOXFORD CHURCH** Breakfast 9.00am Service 9.30am

Sunday 19th December 2021



**Pop-Up Nativity**  
Bring your own costume

Sunday 16th January 2022



**Come and Celebrate**

A relaxed family-friendly service for



# Leiston Food Bank

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone from Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Sibton, Westleton and Yoxford who have contributed food to the following pick-up points for collection on Friday mornings:

**Yoxford** Yoxford Parish Church - before 6pm on Thursday evening

**Westleton** Westleton Village Hall – 9.30am on Thursday until 8.30 on Friday morning. Food can be left in the large plastic boxes next to the foyer door.

The following would be appreciated: tinned or dried food, health products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap etc. Please avoid perishable foods.

The food is taken to the United Church in Leiston where it is distributed to those in need. With Universal Credit having been reduced, and fuel and food prices increasing, there has been a great increase in the number of people needing help.

It would be appreciated if you could please donate food by 3rd December for the last distributions before Christmas which will be on Friday 17th December. This will be a great comfort for those who are unable to buy food.

The St Vincent de Paul Contact is Christine Quinn  
email: [chrismquinn@me.com](mailto:chrismquinn@me.com) , tel. 07886 795380

**Maurice Bennell**

## PLANT A TREE AND CAPTURE SOME CARBON

### Oaks and Walnuts

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# Matter Matters!



The gathering of world leaders in Glasgow (in progress as I write), to address the question of global warming, is an extremely significant event. It is approaching midnight, we are told, and the clock is ticking. Perhaps the most compelling metaphor for me was from the person who warned us that the clock is not only ticking, but the alarm is going off and all we are doing is to keep reaching for the sleep button! The trouble is that for the past 200 years, we have been increasingly treating the natural world as something for us humans to manipulate and exploit. Moreover, Christians have claimed biblical authority for doing so, for at the end of the first creation story in Genesis, God commands humans to exercise dominion over the earth: to fill it and subdue it. What is conveniently forgotten is that this dominion is to be exercised on God’s behalf, for we are made in his image and therefore are called to represent him on earth. And he, God, is the servant in love of all his creatures; for as Jesus tells us, “Not a sparrow falls to the ground without your heavenly Father.”

There is another factor. It is widely believed that when we die, we go to somewhere called “heaven” (or, at any rate, we hope to do so) and the earth – indeed, the physical universe – will be no more. So, in the long run, the physical world is not that important! It’s spiritual things and souls that ultimately matter. This belief reinforces not only our neglect and misuse of the natural world, but sometimes our indifference to politics as well. However, as Professor Tom Wright never tires of pointing out, this is *not* the Christianity of the Bible! When the Bible mentions heaven, it means “where God dwells”. The Bible tells us that at the End Time, there will be a new creation: a new heaven and a new earth, which will be the original creation transformed and heaven and earth made one. When we die, we go to be with Jesus Christ in the Father’s house. This is “life after death”. But at the End Time, we shall

be raised up with a new glorified body. This Wright calls "Life *after* life after death"! This will be in the new creation: matter glorified!

Now Christmas, which celebrates the birth of Jesus, is not just about the birth of a baby – not even just about the birth of a unique baby. It is about God's creative Word becoming human, with all that that entails: a material body needing food which is intrinsically linked to the material creation. The plants we eat, for example, are themselves material and are the product of the material world: they have grown in the soil. The Incarnation shows us that the material world matters – matters to God. It should matter to us, his representatives. Matter matters.

Let us, then, as part of our celebration of Christmas, resolve to do all we can (and that includes praying for world leaders) to treasure this wonderful planet on which we live; and, indeed, treasure the wonderful universe of which it is a part. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." O come, let us adore him.

**John Kemp**

mothers  
union



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Thurs 16th December

Westleton Church

2.30pm

### **Festive Tea**

Bring a short Christmas  
reading or poem to share

Contact Sue Norrington 660280  
or Jennifer Clough 648597  
to book your place

### **I-Chameleon pop-up shop**

Our Mothers' Union pop-up shop took place between 21st and 27th October in Halesworth.

Thank you for all the items we received to sell. We had a little queue outside when we opened and the shop was consistently busy, with many people looking at our large collection of books on the tables outside and talking to us about MU.

The total raised was £1,433.71 with a further £327.55 for sales of MUE cards.

More info at: [www.musuffolk.org.uk](http://www.musuffolk.org.uk)

**Sue Norrington**



## DONALD EASTOE

Friends of Donald Eastoe will be sad to learn that he died on 19th November after a short illness. Donald's mother, Barbara Michie, served as a Reader at St Peter's Westleton for several years, and as a frequent visitor Donald was well known to many in Westleton and the wider benefice. His gentle and cheerful presence will be much missed.

### From the Editor

Regretfully I have to give notice that I am stepping down from editing the *Fisherman* in the new year. If you have any experience of producing a magazine, newsletter or similar, or would be willing to learn, please consider whether you could put this to use with the *Fisherman*.

The magazine is currently compiled using Microsoft Publisher, which can easily be picked up by anyone familiar with Microsoft Word. I would give all the support I could to anyone taking this on. It might be that a collaborative effort would be the best way forward, so if you feel you could be part of this in any way, please contact me at [yoxmerefisherman@gmail.com](mailto:yoxmerefisherman@gmail.com) or speak to Revd Tim.

**Philippa Dent**

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## Middleton

At our October meeting Julian Cusack, a Middleton resident, gave us a talk on "Nature and Wellbeing". One recent development in Middleton was to declare some of the roads as "quiet lanes". Julian explained that the quiet lane designation meant that it was a road that should be shared by walkers, horse riders, cyclists, and motorists and whose verges would be cut in autumn or winter instead of spring to encourage a greater variety of wild flowers. The health benefits of nature are now being appreciated - so much so that the NHS is giving out health prescriptions to those who are stressed and anxious. The evidence-based benefits of nature contact are many, and include better sleep, improved mental health, greater happiness, lower blood pressure, and improved immune function. To give Middleton a bit more of nature, there is talk of letting the parish-owned Burial Ground revert to the wild. It would become a woodland for all residents to enjoy. Julian then brought up the subject of ragwort. He said that it may not deserve its evil reputation. The following discussion was quite lively and passions were high, but in the end the sides agreed to disagree. We thanked Julian for his informative and interesting talk.

Our 15th of December meeting will be our Christmas party. We decided on a low-key celebration, with no elaborate entertainment in case of last-minute Covid cancellations. We shall socialise over tasty food and drink. Our plan in January/February is to resume our meetings with speakers, hopefully! **Lynne Venn**

## Westleton

November is the month for our AGM. One would think that with lockdown and darker and cooler nights we might have been less likely to attend - but there we were! A good attendance, back on track and ready to tackle the new year. I am sure it had a lot to do with our committee members looking after us so well when the days were a lot darker.

Two of our committee members are standing down after long and devoted service. Marilyn Stephens and Elaine Blencow will be replaced by Lindsay Potter and Rachel Normoyle. We are grateful for their willingness to serve on the committee and wish them well.

The annual report was unanimously adopted and Gill Wood unanimously elected to serve for another year as President. John Bebbington kindly audited our accounts again and we can rest assured that we are solvent and able to tackle the new year.

The WI will be involved in the Christmas Fair on 27th November and the proceeds will be shared between the Blossom Appeal and the ACWW. Our Christmas meal will be at the Crown on 7th December and as was pointed out: dress code - posh frocks!

**Susanne Bennell**



# Darsham

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## All Saints Church

Service details are shown on the church notice board.

Refreshments are served after services and we can enjoy a cuppa and a chat whilst maintaining social distancing.

The church will also be open daily for individual prayer.

## Friday Prayers

These are held at 9.30 am in the church.

## Tea and Cakes

These have ended for the winter but will restart in April.



## Carol Service 3.30pm Tuesday 21st December

The service by candlelight will be followed by sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine and is sure to lift our spirits on the shortest day of the year.

## All Saints Gift Day

Thank you to all for your generosity in supporting our village church.

## Remembrance Day

The wreath laying ceremony took place at 12.30 at the War Memorial in the village churchyard. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and Church Council.

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## Darsham Ladies of Leisure

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

10am till 12.30 pm Darsham Village Hall

We have on sale home-made cakes, jams and scones, also local honey. We have a variety of stalls as well. The Darsham raffle is as big as ever, so come along.

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## Darsham Village Hall 100 Club October Draw

1st Prize: £100 Mrs. S. Hemmingway; 2nd Prize: £50 Mr. N. Park;  
3rd Prize: £25 Mrs. J. King



# Darsham cont.

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## Darsham Village Hall

### What's On - December

- Crafty Morning – Monday 6th, 9.30am to 12.00 noon
- Ladies of Leisure Coffee Morning – Saturday 11th, 10.00 to 12.30pm
- Darsham Dogs' Band – Concert in the Village Hall – Friday 17th 7.00pm until late. Supper available, provided by the Fox, plus a bar. Tickets available (£4.00) from [paul@paul.diamond.me.uk](mailto:paul@paul.diamond.me.uk); proceeds to the Village Hall.
- Film Club – We are really pleased to be showing ***The Last Bus***, starring Timothy Spall, for our second Film Night on **11th December at 7.00pm**. The film follows the journey of "80-something" Tom as he travels from John O' Groats to Land's End by bus, with his wife's ashes. During the journey he interacts with a string of kind-hearted strangers, from hen-night revellers to a Ukrainian wedding party! **Tickets are £5**, payable on the door.
- **Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On** – December 12th 4.00pm at the Village Hall. Mince pies, mulled cider and carols.

### Classes - December

- Yoga – Fridays 10.30 to 11.30am. Contact Debbie Fogg 07906 346545.
- Sequence Dancing – Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 1.00pm. Contact Carol Gardiner 01986 784642.
- Pilates Thursday – 9.30 to 10.30am (contact Maria on 07999 848655)
- Zumba – 2.00pm Wednesdays. Contact Ellen on [zumbawebb@outlook.com](mailto:zumbawebb@outlook.com))
- French – Wednesdays 6.30 to 8.30pm. Contact Coastal Leisure Learning.
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### What's On - January

Coffee Morning, Saturday 8th 10.00 to 11.30am (Parish Council)

Film Club – Saturday 11th 7.00pm

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## Darsham Parish Council

Ian Isaac has left the village and a new councillor will be co-opted at the next meeting of the PC, which will be at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 15th December . We thank Ian for his work on footpaths and speeding in the village during his short time as a councillor.



## Darsham cont.

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At the November meeting, a response to East Suffolk's consultation on sustainable development was considered. It was generally not thought to go far enough, only asking builders to "consider" such things as solar panels and car charging points, where we felt that such installation on new builds should be the rule and not the exception.

The council is asking residents with hedges bordering the street to cut them back so that they do not overhang the road. Villagers are also reminded to check that any outside lights are not too bright and are on movement sensors. This is not only for the benefit of us humans but also of nocturnal wildlife. The question of the lights on the village hall itself was also raised.

**Robin Leggate**

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## Dunwich

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### St James Church

#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**At 3pm on 23rd December 2021**

The Christmas story will be told through traditional readings and carols interspersed with music and poems.

Our numbers will be limited to 50. It is therefore important that you let us know whether you will be joining us. We would prefer you to wear masks.

Please RSVP to Christine Palmer 648890 or [chrismicpalmer5@gmail.com](mailto:chrismicpalmer5@gmail.com) by 14th December.

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### Coffee 4 U

Thanks to everyone who has supported us at COFFEE 4 U. We started in November 2014, when we had five and sometimes six children coming too; now they have started school, but we still have one baby coming as she was born during COVID when we couldn't meet. We've had lots of fun together - lunches, parties, demonstrations and stalls to buy things, even jigsaw puzzle swaps.

Only one date for December - the 9th, which will be our Christmas lunch.

Happy Christmas everyone!

Dates for Coffee 4 U in January are Thursday 6th, Thursday 20th. Hope to see you all there. Happy New Year!

**Heather Cook**



# Dunwich cont.

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## Winter at Dunwich Heath

Winter has arrived with wet and blustery days. Not that it stops the walkers who come down every day for their breath of fresh air. The site is now on winter opening hours, so the tearoom and visitor hut are only open at weekends 10-3, while the site opening will go down to 9:00—4:00 from 29th November to account for the shorter daylight hours. On the wildlife front it's a little quiet now the Rut is over and the stags have finished bellowing, but we can look forward to seeing more of the winter migrant bird species as they arrive. Hopefully we'll be seeing a myriad of crossbills, redwings and fieldfares amongst the resident species chattering away in the treetops.

In other news, Dunwich Heath will be taking part in a nationally organised children's winter trail this December, themed around the famous Percy the Park Keeper books! Families following the trail will find a series of activity stations, where they can help Percy's animal friends with their jobs, and play some games as they work their way around. It promises to be a really fun trail at £2.00 per child, complete with a goody bag as a reward for all the help with the animals' jobs. The trail will be running at weekends all through December, plus every day of the Christmas week (27th Dec – 2nd Jan). No need to book, just turn up and get involved. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Daniel Payne**

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## Middleton

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### Holy Trinity Church

Endeavouring to do our best for the environment, and in line with ECO Church, we have decided not to send out individual Christmas cards this year, but to use the *Fisherman* to convey our Christmas Greetings.

WITH VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL IN  
THE YOXMERE BENEFICE  
FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR  
From Holy Trinity PCC

**Christmas Services**  
**Tuesday 21 December**  
Carol Service 6.30pm

**Christmas Eve**  
Midnight Mass 11.15pm



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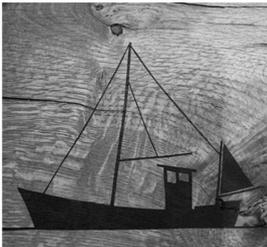
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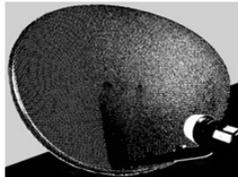
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# Peasehall & Sibton

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## **Christmas Lunch for the Over 70s**

In the last *Fisherman* notice was given that the Christmas lunch for the over 70s, sponsored by the Peasehall United Charities, is due to take place on Friday 10th December at the village hall in Peasehall - 12 noon for 12.30. Places are limited but there is still an opportunity to book if you want to come along. The lunch is open to anyone 70 or over living within the parish of Peasehall and their respective partner or carer.

To book your place please contact one of the Trustees - Tony Sore - 660335, Chris Cox - 660443, Peter Dance - 660109 or Chris Norrington on 660280, by no later than Monday, 6th December.

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## **Peasehall Christmas Tree**

At the village sign, as in the last few years, there will be a Christmas tree funded by Peasehall Parish Council and put in place and decorated by the Gents' group who meet twice a month at the Methodist Chapel Hall. All should be in place by Saturday 11th December but this year there will be no formal switch on or a community gathering, primarily due to the need to keep people safe during the continuing Covid outbreak. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the tree will bring a little joy into the community over the festive season.

A proper community celebration of the start of Christmas will, however, be on the cards for 2022.

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## **Peasehall Gents' Group**

On Thursday 9th December at 11.30 the Gents' group will place and decorate the village Christmas tree on the triangle of land at the village sign, ready for lighting up the festive season. This will be followed by lunch at a cost of £5. Anyone interested in joining the Gents' group on that day and participating in the lunch are welcome to come along. Please contact Chris Norrington on 660280 or Don Wellman on 660443 to book a place.

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## **Peasehall and Sibton Assembly Hall**

Following the COVID 19 lockdowns the Peasehall and Sibton Assembly Hall has now reopened. The hall is a unique historic building which has served the villages of Peasehall and Sibton and the surrounding communities for over 150 years. The Management Committee is currently planning the programme of activities for the coming year. The Committee is also considering possible development plans which will expand and modernise the Hall's facilities.



# Peasehall & Sibton cont.

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The re-opening of the Assembly Hall is an opportunity to ask members of the communities their opinions of the hall, its current and possible future activities. Do you use the hall? How would you like to use it?

In the coming months residents of Peasehall and Sibton will receive a survey. Completed survey forms can be returned to the various drop off points in Peasehall shown on the survey form. Alternatively if you wish you can fill in the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9Y5TFM9>. We know that many people outside the village attend the hall and we would love to take your views into account too. The survey forms will also be available in the village shop, Weavers, and Salter & King Butchers. Return them to the same points for collection or drop them into the post box at Brook Cottage, opposite the hall.

The Trustees have ambitious plans to improve the facilities at the Assembly Hall but before undertaking them we want to know what you would want from your village hall. And....if you want to join us in bringing these plans into reality we would be delighted to have you along.

The Management Committee are the Trustees of the Hall. We welcome new members so if you are interested in supporting the hall, its activities and to learn more about the possible development, please join us.

## **A Winter Wassail, A Christmas Treat!**

On Sunday 12th December at 3.00pm and 7.30pm The Milton Consort will perform a celebration in words and music of Christmas through the ages. Texts from a selection of works, from Chaucer, Dickens, Shakespeare to A. A. Milne and many others. Readings by Peter Hamilton Dyer will be framed by songs and music from the 14th to 21st century played by Argeir Hauksson (lutes, guitar, hurdy gurdy) and Emily Baines (recorder, shawms and early reed instruments). There will be mulled wine and mince pies. Places will be limited at each performance. Seating will be spaced to maintain a social distance and every effort will be made to ensure your comfort and safety. This will be a delightful introduction to the Christmas season. Tickets £15, so reserve your seats on 01728 660339 or [peasehallassemblyhall@gmail.com](mailto:peasehallassemblyhall@gmail.com)

## **Early warning!! Quiz!!**

On Saturday 12th February 2022 we will test your general knowledge with a Valentine's quiz at the Assembly Hall starting at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 at £5 per head. The bar will be open for inspiration (or not!) and a ploughman's will be served in the interval. Come and join us for an evening of light hearted competition.



# Peasehall & Sibton cont.

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## Bingo returns to Peasehall again

On **Friday 17th December** bingo will return to the Assembly Hall for the first time in many years. We are fortunate to have a team of experienced callers in the village and we're delighted they have agreed to run some fun evenings here at the Hall.

**Doors open at 7.00pm**, admission is 50p, with books and other games extra. Cash prizes and there's a raffle, with tea, coffee and snacks available at the break.

All proceeds will be split between the charities Action Medical Research and the Assembly Hall extension fund. Come and have a fun evening while helping these good causes!!.....and all being well we'll do it again on 21st January.

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## Sibton

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To celebrate Christmas at Sibton Church there will be a traditional service of Six Lessons and Carols on December 17th at 3.30pm, and following the service there will be mince pies and mulled wine.

This year for the first time since 2017, church services will continue through the winter. The service will usually be on the third Sunday in the month at 3.30pm in the afternoon. Evening prayer is a time for quiet reflection and traditionally parts of the service as well as hymns are sung. All are most welcome to attend.

In January Evening Prayer will be on January 16th at 3.30pm.

Last month work finally started on repairs to the church tower. Some of the louvres in the belfry openings have been decaying. These are being replaced, and stonework of the belfry openings is being repaired. The Friends of Sibton managed fundraising for the work. The PCC is most grateful for the generous funding received. This came from local supporters and from four Suffolk charities: The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, the Alfred Williams Charitable Trust, the Ganzoni Charitable Trust and the Leslie Mary Carter Charitable Trust.

Following the generosity of the Franklin family two years ago in granting a licence to use part of the old glebe meadow for parking, the Friends of Sibton have been able to raise sufficient funds to carry out improvements to safety at the field entrance recently. There is now sufficient room for cars to pass each other in the entrance, meaning that vehicles can move off the road easily, and there are improved sight-lines for drivers when leaving the field. We can be confident of providing safe parking when Sibton events begin again in the spring.

The programme of social events organised by the Friends of Sibton will start on March 27th with a celebration of the wild daffodils in the churchyard. That will be on Mothering Sunday. The full programme of events for the year will be announced in the February edition of the *Fisherman*.

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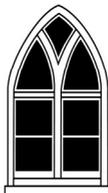
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The Christmas Concert scheduled for 11th December has regrettably been postponed. Hopefully next year things will be different. However the

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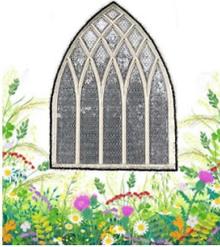
Our **Crib Service** will be held on Christmas Eve at 4pm.

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# Westleton

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**Sunday 12th December 9.30am** Croissants@Church  
9.30am Coffee & croissants, 10am Worship celebration

**Sunday 19th December 4pm** Carols by Candlelight  
*Guest appearance by Samphire Choir*  
Mulled wine & mince pies

**Christmas Day 10am** - Celebrating this special day

**Boxing Day 9.30am** - Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th January 9.30am** Croissants@Church  
9.30am Coffee & croissants, 10am Worship celebration

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## Westleton Volunteers to the Call!

On Saturday 6th November the valiant residents of Westleton came together in friendship to support St Peter's Church with the annual cut and rake of the churchyard. All hands to the deck: nearly thirty volunteers arrived with rakes, strimmers, tools, and a cheery smile!

St Peter's Church PCC (Parochial Church Council) would like to extend a very sincere thank you to each and every one that helped on the day. Your support of this historic and significant village facility with your love and hard work is forever appreciated.

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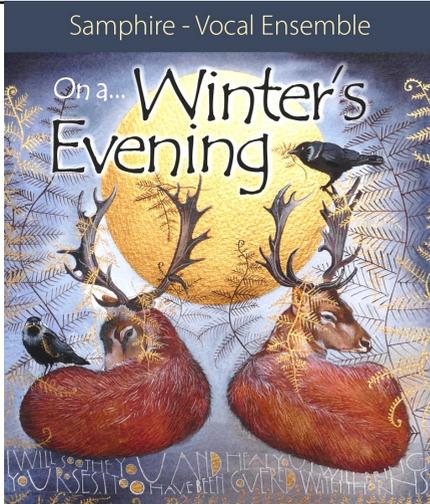
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### CONCERT IN

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The choir is also singing in the

Carol Service in church on

Sunday 19th December at 4.00pm

### Westleton Carpet Bowls Club

The club was established in 1991. We play for fun and exercise, do not belong to any League, but do play the occasional friendly competitive match against local Clubs. We meet in Westleton Village Hall on Monday afternoons at 2.00pm for a 2.15 start to play.

We commence play in the New Year on Monday 10th January 2022. Why not come for a "tester game"? We hope you will enjoy the experience and join our Club, whether you are an experienced player or absolute beginner.

If you have any questions, please do telephone me, Margaret Branton, 01728 646422 or our Captain, Phil Cramp, 01728 648106. Hope to hear from you!

### Westleton Gardeners

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 18th January 2022 in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Our speakers, Darren Brooks and Rob Canham from Notcutts Nursery, will be giving a talk on 'House Plants' and will be bringing along some plants for sale.

£2.50 on the door - all welcome.

### Westleton Archive

This has a new secure home in the Village Hall and we have a Heritage Lottery Grant to fund a part-time archivist. The role involves working for a few months with our volunteers to identify, log, make accessible and promote the archives. If you are interested, for more information please contact Dilys Hall [dilyshall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dilyshall@yahoo.co.uk)

**100 Club for October** 1st - 46, S. M. Francis; 2nd - 143, Roger Braybrook



## Wheels 4 Westleton

Westleton Village Hall and CATS (Community Accessible Transport Scheme in Leiston) are pleased to be able to continue the popular Thursday morning minibus service from Westleton to Saxmundham, thanks to the support it is receiving, which is essential to keep this regular service running.

The minibus leaves Westleton at about 10.45, collecting passengers from the bus stops at Heath View and by the Crown, and returns to Westleton for about 1.00pm.

Places are limited; contact Sue Brett on 07579 069558 to reserve a seat or for further information.

The Village Hall is also pleased to be able to announce a new service offering Westleton residents a lift from home to any event in the hall, or to visit the Foyer. Again please contact Sue Brett to book a lift or to find out more, or speak to Annie at the Village Hall.

## Westleton Health Walks

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11.45am: Westleton Woods

Monday 17th January

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## Westleton Common News

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped at the Working Parties during 2021, and to the Nature Walk attendees, all of whom contribute to the wellbeing of our Common.

During December the Common will be left to its own devices.

In January, weather permitting, there will be a **Working Party** led by David Rous on **Saturday 22nd January, 10am - 12.30pm** with a coffee break at half time

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## New Year's Day Fireworks and Bonfire 2022

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The procession will depart from the hall at 6.00pm and make its way up to the bonfire on the common. Please wear stout footwear and bring a torch. Marshalls will be present to escort the procession.

The firework display will start at approximately 6.30pm. The hall will be open afterwards for mulled wine and bacon rolls, and a 50/50 raffle will be drawn.

There will be a Warrior fire engine in attendance.

**Nick Shearme**



Westleton Village Hall

## Westleton Village Hall

Our thanks go to the volunteers, friends, supporters, groups, instructors and funders who have helped restart events and activities at the hall, and especially to our very jolly band of volunteers at Coffee in the Foyer. Without you all we could not keep going – and more offers of help are always welcome!

We want to make sure our visitors and volunteers feel safe and comfortable, so we continue to comply with Covid-secure procedures so that everyone can enjoy their visit to the hall. Our Christmas Wishes Tree is now installed in the Foyer - pop in for coffee and buy a wooden card to hang on the tree.

Here's what's on in December and January.

Coffee in the Foyer every weekday morning 10 – 12 noon.

Saturday 4 Dec. Film Night. *The Last Bus* starring Timothy Spall. Tickets £4.

Thursday 16 Dec. 2pm-5pm A Needle Felting Workshop led by Jayne will create felting creatures and characters. No experience necessary. Contact [mavismakes1@gmail.com](mailto:mavismakes1@gmail.com) for details.

Thursday 6 January Lunch Club takes a Greek theme with Eve and Richard.

Saturday 8 January is Film Night. 7pm for 7.30, tickets £4.

Friday 28 January, Richard Symes returns to talk about his recent research into the history of Dunwich Heath. 7pm for 7.30, tickets £5.

Tickets for Film Night and Hall 4 All events will be available from the Foyer when it's open, or Westleton Village Store, three weeks before the event.

There are various classes and group activities in the hall to drop into, or join, and we also now have regular hairdressing, footcare and ear wax removal clinics in the Consulting Room. For the latest timetable please pick up a leaflet in the Foyer or visit

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## Carols by Candlelight

There will be a Carol Service on Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm.

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus, with readings and carols. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Everyone is welcome!

## Crib Service

There will be a Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve.



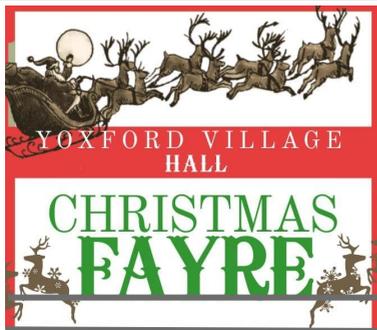
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## Church Cleaning

Come and help us clean and decorate the church for Christmas, Saturday 18th December from 10am.

Also Saturday 15th January will be the 3rd Sunday in the month, and we would be grateful for volunteers to come and clean from 10-12 noon. **Carole Lee**

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 4th December

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This was started by Allison Hackwell and has been running on Facebook since 2017 to raise money for the upkeep of Yoxford Village Hall, selling household goods, clothes, books, toys and more. By the end of September this year, over £13,000 had been raised, with hard-working support from Kirsty Blades.

Donations are always welcome and if you join the Facebook group (name as the heading above) you will see frequent posts of the goods on offer.

Contact Allison at [allisonhackwell19@gmail.com](mailto:allisonhackwell19@gmail.com) and look out for her stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th December.

# Yoxford cont.

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## **Yoxford Phoenix: A Covid recovery project for 4-11 year olds at Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary School, October 2021**

Children worked with professional artists to make books (to record their memories of lockdown), and to make and perform music and poetry. School staff joined in, and community volunteers helped with the book-making. The grand finale was an exuberant public show in Yoxford Church.

Children explored new possibilities, used their own ideas and experience, and had fun working together. Phoenix aimed to help build confidence, share and develop skills, provide validation, support the quality of relationships and help reinvigorate community life.

The project was made possible through collaboration between the Parish Council, Primary School, St Peter's Church and the artists. It was funded by the Government, through Yoxford Parish Council, and the National Lottery, through Arts Council England.



**Making and performing poetry**

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## **Yoxford Christmas Countdown**

The 2021 Christmas Window event will commence on 1st December with a new window being revealed each day until 24th.

COVID AND WEATHER PERMITTING, a window trail event will be held on 23rd and 24th December between 4-6pm, with mulled wine being served on each day. There will be a special visit from Mr Pickle on the 24th.

Donations are welcome to cover costs, with additional funds supporting the Village Hall. Get the kids to see how many stockings they can spot!

Route maps will be available on Facebook, Instagram and the village website from 30th November, or email [carol.rose01579@gmail.com](mailto:carol.rose01579@gmail.com).

A massive thank you to all those who are creating displays this year; it wouldn't be possible without you. Enjoy the show!

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## Update from Stop Sizewell C

As a busy year draws to a close, Stop Sizewell C would like to thank local communities for their incredible support. In the aftermath of the Budget and COP26, these final weeks of the year will see us meeting Ministers, rubbing shoulders with the Business Secretary and briefing MPs and members of the House of Lords on the Nuclear Financing Bill currently passing through parliament.

### Events in December and January include:

\* Charlie Haylock talks about the acclaimed film *The Dig* on Sunday 5th December, 2.30pm, at Leiston Cinema. Book online at [www.bit.ly/CharlieTheDig](http://www.bit.ly/CharlieTheDig) or take pot luck on the door.

\* Sizewell C site walk, Monday 13 December, departing 12 noon from The Eel's Foot Eastbridge. Walkers should be confident they can manage five miles; the walk generally takes three hours. Waterproof footwear essential. Book at [info@stopsizewellc.org](mailto:info@stopsizewellc.org) in case we need to cancel.

\* 3rd February (to be confirmed), event at Snape Maltings. Details will appear on our website, [www.stopsizewellc.org](http://www.stopsizewellc.org).

### Respond to the final papers submitted in the Sizewell C examination

Even though the examination has closed, the very last set of documents submitted by EDF deserves a response. These responses won't be shown to the Examining Authority. Instead they will be sent to the Secretary of State along with PINS' recommendation. We have guidance at [www.stopsizewellc.org/dco](http://www.stopsizewellc.org/dco). Please respond by Christmas if you can.

**Alison Downes**

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## Wrentham Chapel - Caedmon at Christmas

Wrentham chapel will be hosting their regular Caedmon at Christmas event on Tuesday December 14th at 7pm - a social event with a programme of readings, poems, music and songs. Those attending are welcome to bring a contribution which may be serious, secular, sacred or just plain silly. There will be seasonal refreshments and time to chat.

There is no charge but we hope those attending will make a donation to our retiring collection for Christian Aid. Further details from Sue Hardy – 07771 882738.



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## Aldre Valley Family History Group **LATE NOTICE**

The December meeting - a talk by Denise Bates on "Forenames and what they reveal about our ancestors" will now be solely Zoom based, due to concerns about the Omicron coronavirus variant. Monday, 13th December, 2.30pm. To attend, register at <https://avsfhg.org.uk/events/book/> by 10th December.

### Free family History Drop-In Sessions

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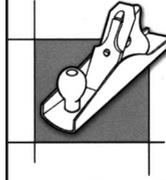
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