

Church Chimes

1st December 2025



SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN
CONSTABLE COUNTRY AND
THE TENDING HUNDRED

Our monthly news sheet with details of upcoming services and events in our nine rural churches.

Full details can be found on our website:
www.tendingdedhamparishes.org.uk

Prayer opportunities across the benefice



Weekly Online Zoom Prayer Meeting

Mondays @ 5pm

Approximately 40 minutes of prayer together.

Contact Revd. Phillip for the meeting code.

Celtic Morning Prayer - Wrabness Church

Wednesdays @ 8am

Evening Prayer - Gt. Oakley Church

Thursdays at 4:30pm

Monthly Prayer Breakfast - Lt. Bentley Church Hall

8:30am on the second Saturday of the month.

Simple breakfast followed by prayer together.

Phone Wendy on 01206-250622 to register your interest for catering purposes.

Morning Prayer - Dedham Church

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Dear Lord,

Master of all things, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do, help us find quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to celebrating the gift of Emmanuel's birth. May all of us find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent, Christmas and beyond, so that all may come to know the perfect gift of your precious Son.

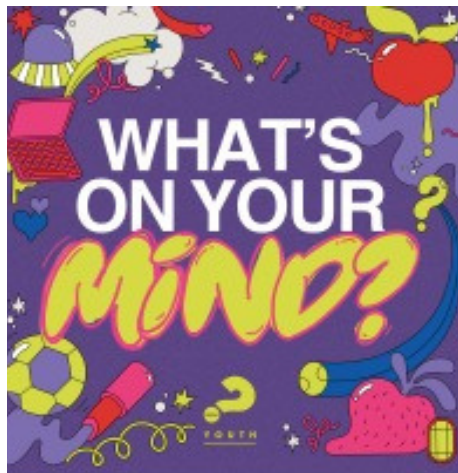
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Message from the Parishes Administrator

We are currently trialing some new church software from iKnowChurch, which is sponsored by and works in collaboration with the Church of England. If the trial is successful we may replace ChurchSuite.

If you receive any emails from iKnowChurch don't be alarmed.

If we decide to permanently replace ChurchSuite with iKnowChurch we will of course inform you.



Calling all 11-18 year olds wanting to explore any questions about life. Try Youth Alpha - Friday evenings 7 to 9 pm, starting on Friday, 16th January, at Lawford Church Hall. To register, click on the QR code below. If you have any further questions, please call Claire on 07752 201441.



Scan the QR code
to sign up

alpha.org.uk/youth



WIX WRABNESS GREAT OAKLEY



Saturday 6th December
At Wix Village hall
10.30 till 12.00



Rev John Saxon
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We would like to invite you to a

Christmas Coffee Morning

*At St. George's Church,
Great Bromley, CO7 7TS on
Saturday 6th December
10am to 12 noon*

*We will have: a Raffle, assorted stalls, cakes,
Refreshments, bric a brac and lots more to enjoy.*

Everyone Welcome

Coming up in our Parishes

REVIVE@5 - Life in the Kingdom

RETURNS IN JANUARY

Third Sunday of the Month - Dedham Church

An informal contemporary guitar and keyboard led service with worship, bible teaching and prayer ministry. A warm welcome for all with refreshments from 4:30pm. Worship begins at 5pm.

Come and join us and encounter God in a different style of worship service.

Dedham Church Youth Group

On break until Easter as Alpha Youth will begin in January, see details below.

Dedham Junior Church

A children's group for 3-10 year olds during the usual Sunday service (except the 1st Sunday of the month, which is Rise N Shine - see below)

Dedham Rise N Shine

1st Sunday of the Month, 9:30am - 10:15am

A shorter, more interactive service for all ages

Ardleigh Cafe Church

1st Sunday of the month, 9:30am

Join us for breakfast followed by the service. There is an organised activity for the children during the service.

Ardleigh Kids Step Out

3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30am

Join us for Holy Communion Service with an organised activity for the children during the service.

Ardleigh Little Steps

4th Friday of the month, 9:30am - 11am

A group for toddlers and preschoolers.

Bell Ringing Practice at Ardleigh Church

New members welcome-every Tuesday, 7-9pm

Ardleigh Friendship Group
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
10am to 12 noon in Ardleigh Church.

Ardleigh Craft Group
Meeting on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10am-12pm.

Wrabness Book Club
Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm - 8:30pm
Bring a blanket, hot refreshments provided.

Great Bromley J.A.M
Weekly Drop-In Session for all parents and children
Activities and Refreshments
Fridays between 15:15 - 16:15 in term time

Wix Cafe Church
2nd Sunday of the month 3pm - 4pm
Wix Village Hall

Coffee & Cake Get Together for All - Lt. Bentley
1st Wednesday of the month 10am - 12noon
Little Bentley Church Hall

Christmas Festive Lunch - Wrabness
3rd December 12:30pm - 2pm

Illuminati Concert - Beaumont-cum-Moze
7th December 6:30pm

Christmas Afternoon Tea - Beaumont-cum-Moze
8th December 2pm - 4pm
Beaumont Village Hall
More details from Yvonne Chappell 01255-860765

Organ Tuning - Dedham
10th December - All Day. Please enter the church quietly as any loud noises could
effect the tuning engineers

Advent at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Nov 30th 3.45pm Light Up Advent. Come and help build the Village Crib Scene outside the church.
Then we will go inside for more fun and tea.

December 21st 4.00pm Village Carol Service. A traditional service of readings and carols.

December 24th 4.00pm Crib Service. Come dressed as your favourite Christmas Stable character and help to fill the Nativity Crib followed by refreshments.

December 25th 8.00am Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Christmas at Tendring Church

14th December
Lighting of the Advent
Candles on the Advent
wreath 9.30

18th December
service of Lessons
and Carols 6.00pm

23rd December
Messy crib
service 10.30pm

Christmas Day
Family
Communion
10.30 am

**Everyone
Welcome**

Merry Christmas and happy new year from All at
Tendring Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE

6 PM

LITTLE BENTLEY CHURCH

"Carols by Candlelight"

CAROLS FOLLOWED BY

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

COME AND JOIN US - ALL WELCOME



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St George's Church Great Bromley CO7 7TS



Christmas 2025
all ages welcome!

Sunday 21st at 4pm
Community Carolswithchoir
Wednesday 24th at 4pm
Crib Service
Thursday 25th at 11am
Christmas Day Eucharist



A message from our Minister

You're Invited!

We warmly invite you to come to any of our Christmas Services this year. We hope and pray that they will help you to wonder and celebrate our saviour's birth afresh.

To see through the tinsel and turkey to the simple stable scene where heaven met earth in the form of a baby; where God came to dwell among us, to show us the Father's glory, full of grace and truth. We also encourage you to not rush through Advent to get there! To take time to prepare your hearts, not just the food and presents. To slow down and ponder the coming of our

Lord, not just at his incarnation we remember at Christmas, but also his second coming as Lord and judge of all; as a herald of God's Kingdom coming in all its fulness. In every sense, Advent is a season of expectation and

preparation, but let us make it

a season of invitation too. To invite our family, friends and neighbours to come along to our services with us; to invite them to consider one of our courses exploring faith in the New Year. See details in Church Chimes and on our website. Why not come along with them to encourage and support them.

The invitation is there, please use it to invite others who only see the tinsel and turkey and not the true 'reason for the season' – Jesus.

With many thanks to those in our church communities who work so hard to make these Christmas services and events happen.

Phillip and I wish you all much peace and joy as we celebrate Advent and Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
John

Benefice Announcements

From the Registers in November

Weddings:

Gt. Oakley - Kitty Appleby & William Surridge

Funerals:

Dedham - Peter James

Wrabness - Elizabeth Payne

Interments:

Ardleigh - Gwendoline Ivy Fletcher

Decembers Sevicees across the Benefice



Tendring and Dedham Parishes Services

	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4	Last after Trinity
	7 Dec	14 Dec	21 Dec	28 Dec
All Saints Great Oakley	09.30 HC	09.30 Family Praise	18.00 Carol Service	
St Mary Wix		15.00 Café Church	15.00 Carol Service	
All Saints Wrabness	11.00 MPayer	11.00 Christingle Service	11.00 MPayer	
St Edmund Tendring		09.30 HC		11.00 9 Together HC
St Leonard Beaumont	18.00 Illuminati Choir		15.30 Carol Service	
St Mary Lt Bentley	11.00 MPayer		11.00 HC	
St George Great Bromley	11.00 HC (BCP)	11.00 HC	18.30 Carol Service	
St Mary Ardleigh	08.00 HC (BCP) 09.30 Café Church	09.30 HC	16.00 Carol Service	
St Mary Dedham	09.30 Rise n Shine* 17.00 E'song (BCP)	11.00 HC 18.00 Carol Service	09.30 Matins (BCP)	

BCP = Book of Common Prayer service HC = Holy Communion (Common Worship)

MP = Morning Prayer/Praise – Non Eucharistic Service

* Less formal service suitable for children and families

Carol Services based on traditional lessons and carols

For all Christmas services across the benefice visit
<https://www.tendringdedhamparishes.org.uk/services>

Please ensure all events and advertising is sent to
 stmaryda@gmail.com by the 20th of the month for the following
 months edition. Please ensure all posters are in PNG or JPG format to
 be uploaded onto the websites.