

Church Chimes

1st January 2025



SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CONSTABLE COUNTRY AND THE TENDRING 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.tendringdedhamparishes.org.uk**

Message from the Parishes Administrator

After the excitement and joy of the Christmas period, I hope you will enjoy the slower pace of January, and looking forward to seeing what 2026 will bring. With the new year comes a new opportunity to explore your faith further on one of our courses starting in January, or invite a friend to attend with you, and help them explore their faith as you explore yours.

Just a reminder, we are currently trialing some new church software from iKnowChurch. Those who usually receive rota reminders from me should receive them automatically from this new software. Please check your junk folder if you don't receive them. If you do not receive them please let me know. If we decide to permanently replace ChurchSuite with iKnowChurch we will of course inform you.

Explore your Faith




Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Stay Curious Try Alpha

Thursdays 1.30-3.00pm
Little Bentley Church Hall, Church Rd, CO7 8SE

22 January Is there more to life than this?
29 January Who is Jesus?
5 February Why did Jesus die?
19 February How can I have faith?
26 February Why and how do I pray?
5 March Why and how do I read the Bible?
12 March How does God guide us?

Scan QR Code to register or for more info



Saturday 28 February 9am- 12noon with Sharing Lunch after
Who is the Holy Spirit and what does the Holy Spirit do?

Contact Revd. John Saxon harwichrmjohn@gmail.com 07484 332734



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



HOPE|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE
YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?

Wednesday evenings from 8 o'clock
The Vicarage, High Street, Dedham CO7 6DE

28 January: Hope
4 February: Peace
11 February: Purpose

Contact Revd. Phillip Young
harwichrmphillip@gmail.com 01206 323 919

A message from our Minister

Dear friends,

Happy new year! I trust you had a safe, happy and special Christmas, whether with family, friends or just you.

How are you feeling about the year ahead? Inspired? Hopeful? Concerned? We often have mixed feelings about what lies ahead, but I hope you can keep hold of the positivity of the festive period well in to this new year.

How can we make the most of the possibilities a new year brings? Intentionality is at least part of the answer. That's why many of us take the opportunity of the new year to articulate some hopes, dreams and ambitions for the year ahead in the form of a New Year's Resolution. What will make your list for 2026?

I was recently invited by one of our local church schools to speak about the visit of the Magi to see the baby Jesus, events associated with this time of the year (Epiphany in the church calendar). They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh – and presumably some questions! I wonder what questions they would have asked Joseph and Mary as they unwrapped their presents and offered them to this new-born. If you had one question you could ask Jesus, what would it be?

Starting later this month there will be three opportunities for us to consider the big questions of life (Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus?) in a series of interactive sessions. My colleague, Revd. John Saxon, will be hosting some daytime sessions on Thursdays at 1.30pm (22 January – 12 March) in Little Bentley, and I will be hosting some evening sessions from 8 o'clock (28 January – 11 February) in Dedham. Claire Arculus will also be running Alpha Youth for 11–18-year-olds on Fridays at 7pm (16 January – 20 March) in Lawford. Check out our website to find out more. Be intentional – who knows what you might discover along the way!

With best wishes for 2026,

Phillip

Benefice Announcements

From the Registers in December

Weddings:

Dedham - Jemilla Salmon & Nicholas Bower

Funerals:

Great Bromley - Philip George Erith,

Maureen June Morling,

Arch Deacon Malcolm Leslie Lesiter,

Terence Gilbert Harvey

Little Bentley - Marny Macdonald

Great Oakley - Raymond Paul Plummer

January Sevices across the Benefice



Tendring and Dedham Parishes Services January 2026

	4th Jan	11th Jan	18th Jan	25th Jan
All Saints Great Oakley	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Praise	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Family Praise
All Saints Wrabness	11:00 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise	11:00 Holy Communion
St. Edmund Tendring		09:30 Holy Communion		09:30 Morning Prayer
St. George, Gt. Bromley	11:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	11:00 Holy Communion	18:30 Evensong	11:00 Holy Communion
St. Leonard, Beaumont	11:00 Holy Communion		11:00 Morning Prayer	18:00 Evensong
St. Mary, Ardleigh	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Praise
	09:30 Cafe Church			
St. Mary, Dedham	09:30 Rise 'N' Shine	11:00 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Prayer	09:30 Holy Communion
	17:00 Evensong		17:00 Revive@5	
St. Mary, Lt. Bentley	11:00 Morning Prayer		11:00 Holy Communion	
St. Mary, Wix		15:00 Cafe Church		11:00 Morning Prayer

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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.**