#### **Benefice Noticeboard**

~ The Hargrave Singers present their Christmas Concert '*The Sounds of Christmas*' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in All Hallows Church Hargrave. Tickets £7 inc. refreshments. To purchase tickets please call Pat Worden on 01933 62352 or members of the Hargrave Singers or All Hallows Church. Everyone welcome.

#### ~ St Peter's Post



The post box will be in church from November 19<sup>th</sup> until December 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a box next to the post box for donations if you are able.

#### ~ Wednesday Worship

December's Wednesday Worship will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Church. Get ready to sing all your favourite Christmas Carols. Everyone welcome.

- ~ Carols On The Square, Raunds. Join us on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on the square in Raunds. We will be joined by the Methodist Church and the Nene Valley Vineyard Church for our carol service. There will also be hot drinks and mince pies. Everyone welcome.
- ~ Carols Around The Firepit. Why not pop along to St Laurence Church on the 17<sup>th</sup> December dressed as your favourite Nativity character and they tell the Nativity story around the firepit. Festive refreshments will also be served. Everyone welcome.
- ~ As you may be aware Alan Mayes sadly died on 20<sup>th</sup> November. His funeral will be held **on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Mary's Church.** His family would like to invite you along to the service to say your goodbyes. RIP Alan

# Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December The Second Sunday Of Advent

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-end Isaiah 40: 1-11 2 Peter 3: 8-15 Mark 1: 1-8



# **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 The First Sunday of Advent**

Mark 13: 24-37



<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, following that distress,

"the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

- <sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'
- <sup>26</sup> "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. <sup>28</sup> "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

### The Day and Hour Unknown

<sup>32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

<sup>35</sup> "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

## St Peter, Raunds

Churchwardens

Mike Turner Tel. 623289, Andrea Haseldine Tel. 624644

Today 3pm Service for All Ages with Holy Communion

This week Monday Tuesday

Wednesday 2pm Park Infants Nativity

3:15pm Drop In

5:30pm Park Infants Nativity

Thursday 8:50am Collective Worship in St Peter's Academy

2pm St Peter's Academy Christingle Service

Friday 10am-12noon Coffee Morning in the Enterprise Centre

9am St Peter's Academy Panto school trip

Saturday

Sunday 10am Nine Lessons & Carols

### All Hallows, Hargrave

Churchwardens

Savitri Pollard Tel. 626960, Helen Parry Tel. 622959

**Today: 10am Holy Communion** 

This Week Monday

Tuesday 7:30pm Homegroup at Xanadu

Wednesday 11:30am Funeral

Thursday 10:30am Coffee Morning

Friday Saturday

Sunday 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols

## Nativity of blessed virgin Mary, Ringstead

Churchwardens

Cliff Harris Tel. 625126, Rosemarie Coles Tel. 624262

**Today: 10am Morning Worship** 

3:30pm Adventures with a Donkey starting from the village garden

This week

Monday 1:30pm Little Angels

10:20am Collective Worship in church

Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday 10:30am Collective Worship in School

Friday Saturday

Sunday 10am Service for All Ages

## St Laurence, Stanwick

Churchwardens

Lisa Adair Tel. 778967, Sam Chambers Tel. 623855

Today: 9:30am Christingles at Café Church

This Week

Monday 1pm Stanwick Primary School Christmas Rehearsal

Tuesday 4pm to 5.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 6pm Stanwick Primary School KS2 Christmas Production

Thursday 9:30am Little Treasures

2pm Stanwick Primary School Christmas Production

Friday 7pm Compline

Saturday

Sunday 10am Holy Communion with baptism