

## Benefice Noticeboard

~ **Polite Notice** – Please note that intinction, (dipping of wafers into wine) is not permitted. Please refrain from this practice. Thank you, Revd Neil.

### December

~**Advent Course** – Our Advent Course session is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December (Enterprise Centre) at 7pm** or **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (5 Carlow Rd) at 2pm**.

~**Hargrave Singers present 'A Christmas Celebration'** – Join us in All Hallows Church, Hargrave for some festive entertainment on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**. Tickets £8 including refreshments. For tickets please contact Pat Worden on 01933 623524 or 07856 728599. Come and sing along to your favourite carols and songs. Everyone welcome.

~ **Carols & Cake** – Join us in **St Peter's Church, Raunds** for an afternoon of Carols & Cake at **2:30pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets **£6.50** available from **The Raunds Community Choir, Raunds Post Office or on the door**. Everyone welcome

~**Carols on the Square** – Join us on the square in Raunds along with Churches Together on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** for carol singing and festive refreshments. Everyone welcome.

~**Wednesday Worship** – Our next Wednesday Worship will be held at Nicki's house (54 High Street, Ringstead) on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**. Our theme this month will be "Advent/Christmas". Please feel free to bring along anything that you would like to share. Everyone welcome.

~**Stanwick Christmas Tree Festival** – St Laurence's Church, Stanwick will be holding their Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 10am-5pm & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 12noon-6pm**. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Everyone welcome.

~**Carols Round The Firepit** – Why not pop along to St Laurence's Church, Stanwick to enjoy some carol singing around the firepit on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**. You can also enjoy some festive refreshments. Everyone welcome.

### Readings for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December The Third Sunday of Advent

Psalm 146: 4-10

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 The Second Sunday of Advent Matthew 3: 1-12

### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



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## **St Peter, Raunds**

Churchwardens

Mike Turner Tel. 623289, Andrea Haseldine Tel. 07837 619823

**Today 11am Sunday Service**

**3:30pm Evensong**

### This week

Monday

Tuesday 1pm Funeral – Keith Honeybun

7pm Advent Course in St Peter's Enterprise Centre

Wednesday 6pm Mayor's Carol Service in the Methodist Church

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

Friday 10am Coffee Morning in the Enterprise Centre

6pm Carols on the Square

Saturday 2:30pm Raunds Community Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday 9am Holy Communion

## **All Hallows, Hargrave**

Churchwardens

Savitri Pollard Tel. 626960, Paul Birch Tel. 07885 768763

**Today: 11am Holy Communion**

### This Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday 7:30pm Hargrave Singers 'A Christmas Celebration'

Saturday

Sunday 6pm Holy Communion

## **Nativity of blessed Virgin Mary, Ringstead**

Churchwardens

Rosemarie Coles Tel. 624262

**Today: 11am Sunday Service**

**10am-3pm Christmas Tree/Nativity Festival**

### This week

Monday 1:30pm Little Angels

Tuesday

Wednesday 9:30am Experience Christmas

2pm Advent Course at 5 Carlow Road

7pm Wednesday Worship at Nicki's House

Thursday 10:30am Collective Worship in church

6pm Ringstead Primary School Carol Service in church

Friday 2:30pm Funeral

Saturday

Sunday 11am Holy Communion

## **St Laurence, Stanwick**

Churchwardens

Sam Chambers Tel. 623855

**Today: 9:30am Café Church Toy Service**

### This Week

Monday 1pm-3pm Stanwick Primary School Christmas Rehearsal

Tuesday 4pm-5:30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

6pm Stanwick Primary School Christmas Performance

Thursday 9:30am Little Treasures

2pm Stanwick Primary School Christmas Performance

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 9:30am Family Service

