#### **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.

In order to ensure we are welcoming to EVERYONE we now offer gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine at all Eucharists. If you would like to receive either of these, please let a church warden know before the service.

#### <u>December</u>

- ~Advent Course Our Advent Course session is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Enterprise Centre) at 7pm or Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (5 Carlow Rd) at 2pm.
- **~Messy Church –** Our next Messy Church will be on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm-5pm in St Peter's Church.** Join us for a festive themed Messy Church. Everyone welcome.
- ~Christmas Tree/Nativity Festival Join us in St Mary's Church, Ringstead for the Christmas Tree/Nativity Festival on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am 3pm. There will be a raffle, as well as refreshments. Everyone welcome.
- ~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. 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.

### Readings for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December The Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18, 19 Isaiah 11: 1-10 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12



# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 The First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24: 36-44

## The Day and Hour Unknown

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.



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### St Peter, Raunds

Churchwardens

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

Today 11am Benefice Holy Communion Service in St Mary's 2pm-7pm Town Light Switch On with lights switched on at 6pm

This week Monday

Tuesday 9:30am Experience Christmas

7pm Advent Course in St Peter's Enterprise Centre

Wednesday 9:30am Experience Christmas

7pm Churchwardens/Lay Ministers Meeting at Enterprise

Centre

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

10am-11am Experience Christmas

Friday 10am Coffee Morning in the Enterprise Centre

Saturday 3pm-5pm Messy Church Sunday 11am Sunday Service

3:30pm Evensong

### All Hallows, Hargrave

Churchwardens

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

Today: 11am Benefice Holy Communion Service in St Mary's

This Week
Monday

Tuesday Wadnasda

Wednesday

Thursday 10:30am Coffee Morning

Friday

Saturday 10:30am-3:30pm Hargrave Christmas Fayre in village hall

Sunday 11am Holy Communion

## Nativity of blessed Virgin Mary, Ringstead

Churchwardens

Rosemarie Coles Tel. 624262

**Today: 11am Benefice Holy Communion Service** 

This week

Monday 1:30pm Little Angels

Tuesday 10am Funeral – Gill Sharman

Wednesday 2pm Advent Course at 5 Carlow Road Thursday 10:30am Collective Worship in church

Friday 12noon-5pm Ringstead Primary School Christmas Fete

Saturday 10am-3pm Christmas Tree/Nativity Festival

Sunday 11am Sunday Service

10am-3pm Christmas Tree/Nativity Festival

### St Laurence, Stanwick

Churchwardens

Sam Chambers Tel. 623855

Today: 11am Benefice Holy Communion Service in St Mary's Christmas Fair 2pm-5pm with Light Switch on at 5:15pm

This Week

Monday 9:30am Acorn/Pre-School Christingle Tuesday 4pm-5:30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion Thursday 9:30am Little Treasures

1pm-3pm Stanwick Primary Christmas Rehearsal

Friday 7pm Compline via Zoom

Saturday

Sunday 9:30am Café Church Toy Service