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News of Town and Village



Wishing you all A Blessed Christmas
and A Happy New Year

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Greetings

BE STRONG

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

At Stowmarket, we have now said our goodbyes to our Minister, Chris. We shall miss him for so many reasons.

Some people will not realise what he did and the old joke about a Minister only working for 1 hour on a Sunday springs to mind. But what does a Minister do?

The dictionary tells us this about a Minister:

Noun

- a person authorized to conduct religious worship; member of the clergy; pastor.
- a person authorized to administer sacraments.

Verb (used without object)

- to perform the functions of a religious minister.
- to give service, care, or aid; attend, as to wants or necessities.
- contribute, as to comfort or happiness.

Certainly, a minister works far more hours than the hourly (or longer) service on a Sunday when he is so visible to the congregation. Over and above the Sunday you will often see a minister visiting the sick and the dying as the need arises but also being with those on special occasions such as baptisms, marriages and other special life instances. Working closely with Chris I know that his role extends to comforter, social worker, chairperson, washer up, writer, teacher, enthuser in fact jack of all trades (except possibly gardening!). And at Christmas time eater of the occasional second (or more) Christmas puddings!

While we will miss Chris the life of our church goes on. The good folk of our congregation will rise to the challenge and not only keep our church alive but also keep it moving forward, responding to the call of God and the needs of our community.

The reading at the top of this letter comes from the Book of Joshua. After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua and gave him his instructions to take over from Moses. He gave him these words of encouragement, “I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

This seems appropriate to us all, both those with a minister and those without. Whatever we do, wherever we go we can have faith that God is with us. We must be strong and courageous. We must continue to live the way of Christ and share the knowledge of his way to those around us.

As we approach Advent we think again about the coming of Jesus and how that event changed the world and our lives. May this Christmas be a time for renewal in God’s purpose and a reminder of God’s love for us such that he sent his son into the world so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God Bless,

Anne (Stowmarket URC Group of Churches Secretary)

News of the family

The autumn colours have been magnificent this year --- and still the leaves are hanging onto trees. I have still got plenty of colour in my garden but have at last started putting it to bed for the winter. The grass continues to look very patchy but hopefully will recover by spring.

Reverend Leslie Ivory is being well looked after but remains very poorly and is visited daily by his family. He sends "Christian Greetings" to everyone at Church. Wally Kemp from Mendlesham remains in Bury hospital. Jill Reed has returned home after a spell in Bury hospital. It is good that John Reed feels able to come to Church on his own.

Fiona Scarff returned to hospital again having completed courses of anti-biotics. She was found to have salt deficiencies, which are being dealt with. Pam Brown had an operation and spent time in hospital recovering before returning home. Don Gilliland continues to have treatment.

Margaret Walker is being well looked after at home by Billy. She will be having a procedure before Christmas to enable her to have an operation in January to remove her troublesome arm. Margaret is being very positive about this operation. Janet Hart is expecting to have an operation before Christmas.

David Freeman and Janice Treanor have dates booked to have procedures carried out that will make them feel more comfortable.

We have missed Joan Cobbold in Church but she will see us more clearly when she returns as she has had both eyes operated on for cataracts.

Stowupland folk have been having tumbles. Colleen Rose, Mary Clark and Phyllis Risby have all had falls recently that have given them a jolt and a few bruises but they are all out and about again. Connie Farrow is not well. Ray Ellis continues to be looked after at home by Dot as he is unable to do very much. Joan Wallis remains at Hartismere care home.

There are other Church friends waiting for hospital treatment or for tests. Please remember anyone you know with health problems or facing other difficulties in your prayers. Remember too those who are unable to get to Church because of mobility problems and visit them whenever possible.



Congratulations

To Josh Arbon who has gained his Masters degree and is studying and doing research for his doctorate. "Little Nana" is very proud of you Josh!

Birthday Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Sheila Godbold who will be 80 on January 20th.

Happy Birthday to Heather Rampley who will be 90 on January 28th.

Enjoy your birthday celebrations, girls!

News from Debenham

Thursday morning coffee – 10am until 11.15am Open Church.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat. This will be followed by a short Prayer meeting

Thursday Afternoon Women's Fellowship Meetings:

No meeting in December and January

Sunday 9th December – Christmas carols led by Mr John Sullivan followed by afternoon tea.

News from Mendlesham

We were pleased to be able to share in the weekend of Chris' retirement. Sad to say goodbye but an enjoyable occasion none the less.

The afternoon service on 2nd December at 4.00pm will be conducted by the Rev'd Richard Edwards. Carols by Candlelight on the 16th at 6.30pm will be led by the John Webb, and the afternoon service on 6th January at 4.00pm will be conducted by the Rev'd Richard Edwards.

On Sunday 19th January, for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we shall join with St Mary's at 9.30am for Parish Mass.

Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 2.30pm and the speakers for December are Keith Scarff on the 5th and Steve Fenning for the Carol Service on the 19th. Speakers in January will be Anne Scarff on the 2nd and Fr Philip Gray on the 16th.

MURCies Coffee Bar will be open on Friday 14th December from 10.00am for 'Coffee & Carols' and will include a Christmas draw. We open again in the New Year on Friday 11th January.



Knit and Natter group will meet on Monday 10th December and then again on 14th and 28th January.

Our knitted poppy display was completed in time for Remembrance Sunday and the sun came out just in time to illuminate them.

Betty Self will be 96 on Christmas Day and we send loving greetings to her.

We continue to remember Wally Kemp in our thoughts and prayers, and think especially of Maureen's daughter, Tracey, as she prepares for surgery at Chelmsford Hospital.

Margaret Jackson

News from Stowupland

We are now thinking about our Christmas celebrations within the Chapel and at home. Where has the year gone.

The money raised at the Jumble Sale, held on 10th November, was £904.83 What a wonderful result. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event such a success, and to those who came and supported us and spent.

Our Carol Service is on Sunday 16th December at 10.30am please come and celebrate with us on this day.

We start 2019 with a coffee morning on 25th January 2019 and then the last Friday in the month until November.

On Sunday, 20th January 2019 we join with Holy Trinity, at the Church, for a united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service starts at 9.30am.

Stowupland Afternoon Fellowship

10th December Carol Service, at 2pm, arranged by the Afternoon Fellowship. This service will be led by Keith Scarff, with the choir and music group from Stowupland High School accompanying the singing, followed by tea and mince pies. Please join us for a very enjoyable afternoon. There will be a collection for East Anglia's Childrens Hospice.

The carol service will be our last meeting until 11th March 2019. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship also a cuppa.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Mary Clark

Freewill Offertory Envelopes

If you would like Freewill Offertory envelopes, please see Janet Sparrow. Envelopes for 2019 will be available shortly.

Thank You From Chris, Jayne, Aaron

Dear Friends

What an incredible last weekend in October! Despite the sadness that we felt at a time of parting, there was so much love and care from so many quarters that gave us the strength to celebrate what had been, and to put our trust in God for what lies ahead.

We were overwhelmed by the numbers present, the grand effort by so many to make the occasion memorable, the wonderful spread, the kind words shared, and the many generous gifts offered. All these have taken our breath away. We take the experience of these last six years, and the many precious friendships and memories with us, to encourage and sustain us in this difficult transition back to life in Yorkshire.

It has always been said that once a person comes to Suffolk they never want to leave. Although Yorkshire beckons, when the time comes we will have to tear ourselves away from this delightful county which has been our home. Yet leave we must, and yet we take a large part of Suffolk with us and you will must certainly remain in our hearts as we look back on these years with great fondness and thankfulness.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you, and grant you His peace always.

God Bless

Chris, Jayne & Aaron xxx

P.S. At the time of writing we have not yet got a date for moving, but we now know that the property we had identified has been secured. Our address will be 23 Sunny Bank Parade. MIRFIELD. West Yorkshire WF14 0JP.

COMMUNION FLOWERS

Dec	2	Mrs H Rampley
	9	Mrs L Baxter
	16	Christmas Flowers
	23	Christmas Flowers
	30	Christmas Flowers
Jan	6	Mrs P Brown
	13	Mrs J Herrod
	20	Mrs J Hart
	27	Mrs S Gregory



Come & Join the Celebration!

And what a celebration it was.

We arrived at the church on the afternoon of Saturday 27th October with mixed emotions – celebrating the 6 years that Chris, Jayne and Aaron had been part of our church family, but also sad that they would be moving on.



Over 200 people gathered in the church – including friends from the villages and as far afield as Clacton and Leeds. Having been welcomed and joined together in prayer, the afternoon was then ably compered by Dan. We were first treated to a “This is your Life –Chris” – compiled in secret by Jayne. This was very amusing – including some lovely pictures on the screen - and I’m sure we all learned one or two things about our minister that we didn’t know before. This was followed by a song from the youngsters. Then the Pastorate, Clacton and past friends of Chris shared memories and offered good wishes.

We were treated by the choir to their own version of ‘Thank you for the Music’ - a tribute to Chris for all his musical support and then Kenny delighted us with one of his monologues – ‘written’ for the occasion,

Following a delicious buffet tea, we re-assembled in the church where Jayne was presented with flowers and Chris with a cheque from us all. Chris and Jayne also cut the celebration cake which was later enjoyed by us all, together with a glass of ‘champagne’ and a toast. Chris gave a few words in reply.

We then enjoyed music from the group ‘Skiffuffle’ and a number of people danced at the front of the church.

The evening finished with the choir sending us on our way with an Irish blessing. A huge thank you to all those who were involved in any way with organising this memorable celebration for a very special minister and friend.

AN APPRECIATION – Thank you to the many people who arranged the wonderful and memorable Saturday and Sunday events to celebrate Chris’ retirement. The furniture removers worked extremely hard to arrange the church and halls for the Saturday do, and, lo and behold, all back to normal for Sunday service!! Great credit to all the ladies who catered for Saturday. Thank you so much.

ODE TO CHRIS – Reflections on a well-deserved retirement.

Let’s hear it for dear old Chris Wood

Who tried as hard as he could,

But neither he,

Not the powers that be,

Could make Halifax play any good.

*But Stowmarket are a different case
In Josh Mayhew they have a real ace.
Whilst scoring goals for fun
They had Clacton on the run
Did this bring a smile to Chris' face?*

*No. He remembered his time by the sea
At Dovercourt Central and Clacton URC.
Always there for the lost and the lame
In life itself as well as the game.
A real example to you and to me.*

*Here's wishing you, Chris, all the best
As you move up north and a little bit west
With Jayne and Aaron to keep you on your toes.
What the future holds only God knows.
Enjoy yourself and have a good rest.*

*With more time for football and even the wife
We wish you every blessing in this new phase of you life.
You will be really missed here and around
In the Eastern Synod, in villages and towns.
Hopefully Halifax won't give you too much strife!*

John White (Christchurch, Clacton)

Benevolent Fund 2019

January	Local needs
February	Stroke Association
March	UNICEF
April	Raedan Trust (Phoenix Counselling)
May	Christian Aid
June	TWAM
July	Jam Community Pot
August	Air Ambulance
September	Commitment for Life
October	Homestart
November	Bible Society
December	Mary's Meals.



Stowmarket Afternoon Fellowship

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month at 4pm.

December 9th - at 20 Kiln Cottages (The Community Room).

January 13th - at 20 Kiln Cottages (The Community Room).

January 27th at Home at 12 Uvedale, Needham Market.

Join us for a short time of worship followed by fellowship over a cup of tea.

Pause for Prayer

A twenty-five minute act of worship takes place every Thursday morning at 9.30am. It is held in the Fison Hall.

See the list of speakers on the back pages of NTV. All are welcome.

Stowmarket U3A

U3A meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

December 19th "Christmas Lunch" at Stowmarket URC, Ipswich Street.

January 16th "Fakes and forgeries in the Fine Art Business" – Tim Turner. 2.30pm at Stowmarket URC, Ipswich Street.

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund for December is for EACH.

East Anglian Children's Hospices supports families, and cares for children and young people with life threatening conditions.

They offer families flexibility and control over where they receive their care and support, including where their child dies, at home, hospital or one of their hospices.

For both families accessing care, those who have been bereaved, EACH is a life-line at an unimaginably difficult time.

They rely on voluntary donations for the majority of their income.

The Benevolent fund for JANUARY is for local needs

There is a permanent box in the foyer where you may place your donations.

We also place a plate for your offering as you leave the church after our service of communion which is held on the first Sunday morning of each month.

Christmas Study Material

Reflections to cover the Advent / Christmas / New Year period have been prepared and will be available in the foyer at Stowmarket URC from. 2nd December.

Bible Fellowship

Tuesday December 4th, 2018 - 10am Prayer Meeting; 10.30am Bible Study on Ephesians 6v10-24, Paul's exhortation to the church in Ephesus to take the whole armour of God, followed by a look at the challenge of the risen Christ to that same church found in Revelation 2v1-7.



Tuesday January 8th, 2019 -10am Prayer Meeting; 10.30am Bible Study (T.B.A.)

Tuesday January 22nd, 2019 - 9.30am W.P.C.U. Prayer Gathering; 10.30am Bible Study (T.B.A.)

All are welcome.

Richard Edwards.

Monday Community Brew - Now Every Week



Come along and join us for a cup of coffee/tea and join in with a game or just sit and chat. Every Monday from 10.30am until 12.30pm in the URC Church Hall. This is a joint venture between Stowmarket URC and Jam Community Pot. Come and try us.

Mens' Breakfast Club

Another year of men's fellowship, sitting around a table eating a full English and putting the world to rights. Pay by donation, and we all muck in with the washing up. If you haven't tried us the make a date for 2019, the first Saturday of the month.

Calling All Knitters

Would anyone like to knit gloves, mitts, scarfs, pullovers, hats, jumpers or blankets to help refugees, the elderly, children and babies?

Knit for Peace (www.knitforpeace.org.uk) is a registered charity which distributes knitted items to where they are needed. The web site provides patterns if required.

As well as knitting you can donate to the cost of sending the items via rapid Dispatch, Cliff Quay, Ipswich. Blanket "squares" should be 6 inches (15 cms) wide and 36 or 48 inches long. Wool should be Double Knit on size 8 or 9 needles. Rita would stitch together! See Rita Gibbons for more information.

I would like to thank all those who helped me, when I fell down at the church, on the occasion of Chris's Farewell. I was very appreciative of all the help and kindness I received.

Phyllis Risby

Jam Community Pot

JAM COMMUNITY POT (in partnership with the United Reformed Church)

The above Club is run by a small group of volunteers and has been operating for around 5 years. It is open to all who would benefit from the company of others, irrespective of age, situation, location, faith (or none!)

Every Monday morning we meet at Stowmarket URC Hall, from 10.30 - 12.30pm, for a chat, refreshments, and participate in board games; cards (if you so wish). Just, generally, to socialize and make friends. Attendance varies but, of late, we have been enjoying the company of 35 - 40 local people weekly. It is free, with a jar for voluntary donations to help costs, if you wish.

Trips out are also popular and these are arranged at minimal charges: Bressingham Gardens; Lowestoft; Theatre Royal, BSE and Stow Regal Christmas Show, recently. Two tea dances have been held with the recent November event proving very popular. The group has an excellent relationship with Stowmarket Town Council and we appreciate visits from successive Town Mayors. Certain other local charitable organisations assist us in various ways, e.g. Lions Club who help us especially with providing Christmas transport.

Although events throughout the year are most enjoyable, JAM's highlight is undoubtedly Christmas Day. We are one big family of over 100 people! If you are an individual, or couple, who would otherwise be on your own and fancy being part of our JAM family on this special day - you are very welcome. There is NO CHARGE; all we want is for you to enjoy a three-course lunch, various entertainments and company.

Transport to Stowmarket and back home to local villages (or the town) can be sorted, if that is a problem. Many friends help us on the day and we have never turned anyone away (even if an odd unexpected guest arrives at lunchtime!!)

However we have to be realistic - there are limits to the number of guests we can seat on the day. So all we ask is that you book your place(s) - please ring Michelle Frost on 07810 456512, or call into the hall on a Monday morning and see us.



Christmas card Board

If you wish to send your Christmas greetings to church members and friends this year a board will be available in the foyer from Sunday, December 9th. It is hoped that money saved on the purchase of Christmas cards will be donated to our Christmas appeals. Many thanks.

Upcoming Events

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

At United Reformed Church Stowmarket IP14 1AD

Saturday 15th December 2018

10.30am to 12.30pm

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate &
Wonderful Festive Cakes

A Warm Welcome Awaits You - All welcome

Proceeds for Mary's Meals & Church Funds



Please join Jane and Dan for a winter welly walk on
Friday, December 28th

followed by coffee and light refreshments.

If you are not able to walk just come to socialise.

Meet at "Crowstone" at 10.30am for the walk

Coffee will be served from 11.00 onwards.

Bring your visitors and friends to blow away some cobwebs.

Telephone 01449 676775 for any queries! Donations in aid of EACH



Children and Youth Activities

Messy Church

A meeting for school age
children

with varied activities and
games

Meets in the Main Hall

from 5.00 to 6.45pm
on the 1st & 3rd Monday
each month



Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

1st Mid Suffolk Company

Anchor Section (age 5 to 8 years) meet

Wednesday 6.15 to 7.15pm

Junior Section (age 8 to 11 years) meet

Wednesday 6.15 to 7.30pm

Company Section (age 11 to 18 years) meet

Wednesday 7.00 to 8.45pm

ALSO...Band practice evening Thursdays at 7pm

Held in the Boys' Brigade Hall at Combs Ford,

next to Solar

Contact: Mr M Gray

Stamps

Please remember we collect stamps.

It is hard to believe that a bunch of used stamps can help transform the life of someone affected by leprosy. But the fact is that it can! Over the past 30 years, The Leprosy Mission Stamps & Collectables has raised more than £1 million to benefit people affected by leprosy. It takes seconds to rescue a used stamp from an envelope destined for the recycling bin but, by doing so, healthcare and opportunities can be provided to people in desperate need.



Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones) are useful. Just remove the stamp, and its surroundings (don't cut/tear too close to the stamp) and bring it to church. There is a collecting point on the table just before you enter the sanctuary.

Rita Gibbons

URC Wednesday Club

The October meeting was Party Time and what a party! 20 or so ladies shed their years and acted like ten-year olds. Helen arranged for us to play "Pass the Parcel". On receipt of the parcel, after the music stopped, each time we tore off the wrapping to find a sweetie, then tell a tale of when we were naughty when we were young. The tales we heard! One girl, when playing by the river with her friends, gave the boys cigarettes! Another, whilst playing hopscotch threw the stone through the local grocery/corner shop window! Another whilst on holiday, as a family, let her brother dive into the swimming pool as she stood up – consequently he hit the bottom and bashed his nose. The last tale to tell is of a girl skating with her friend, who was wearing posh white skating boots, pushed her through a puddle and mud. We played one more game – singing "A,B,C,D,E,F....." and then each group sang a nursery rhyme. The noise really did ten-year olds credit – not ladies of a certain age! Marian had prepared a lovely kiddies tea party. The "pièce de résistance" was the chocolate sponge topped with Thornton's luxurious chocolates!

Then a more serious and sad note, we said, "au revoir" and thank you to Jayne for her years as chairman as she moves to pastures new. Helen presented her with a hamper filled with Suffolk memorabilia we had collected, with our love and best wishes. A wonderful time.

The luncheon in November brings the 2018 session to a close.

Next year our meetings are changing. We shall be meeting on the First Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm with the first session on Wednesday 6th March.

Hope to see you there.

Wide Horizons 2018

What a wonderful occasion on Saturday November 17th! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this successful event. In addition to the super refreshments and lunches, money was raised from nine Church stalls (preserves, cakes, Wednesday Club, Boys Brigade and Girls Association, toiletries, white elephant, books, jewellery and raffle). The forecourt was home to the Stowmarket Meadlands Men's Shed organisation (a community workshop).

In addition to our own Church funds the following charities raised money for their causes (Bloodwise, St Elizabeth's Hospice, E.A.C.H., the British Heart Foundation, Caring for Life and Monday Club). Eight tables were hired to people in our community.

So, what did we raise? £2,292.21 on the day, £4,534.98 Thursday coffee mornings and £1,542.61 Thursday cake sales.

Another splendid example of how well we work together as a team.

Well Done from Dan and the fund raising group.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 (Churches Together in Stowmarket)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place between the 18th and 25th January 2019 (inclusive but not on Sunday 20th).

People from all the 'Churches Together in Stowmarket' meet together each morning at 9.30am for half an hour of prayer and worship in the URC.

This is followed by refreshments and a chance to chat further.

Each morning session will be led by someone from one of the churches in Stowmarket – King's Church, Methodist, New Life, Our Lady's, Parish Church, Salvation Army and the URC. (Look out for more information in the foyer.)

The theme for 2019 is "Only Justice"

This is a wonderful opportunity for Christians from different churches to get together for prayer and worship –

Please come along to one or two – or even all (!) of these sessions if you can.

You will be made very welcome.

This special week includes the exchange of pulpits on Sunday morning 20th January when we shall welcome Father David to our pulpit at the URC.

The same evening there will be a United Service at 6pm at the Hillside Community Centre where the preacher will be The Revd Canon David Atkins.

Puzzle

Sudoku H.4 - 5 and 6

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	6	3			5	2	7	

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	4			8				3
	7	3			5		2	
		7					3	6
4	9	8						
5	3				7			
		2	1		6			
7	1					9		

A PRAYER

I did not sleep well last night, but I did wake up. My muscles are sore, but they work. My wallet is not full, but my belly is. I may not have all I want, but I have all I need. My life is not perfect, but my life is good. Thank you, God.

SOUTH SUFFOLK AREA PARTNERSHIP (Local Events)

Pastoral Advocate: Vacancy

January 20th 6pm at The New Life Church, Hillside Community Centre – United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Preacher will be the Revd David Atkins.

Coffee Events:

Stowmarket - Coffee Morning every Thursday morning 10am -12 noon. Cakes stall on the 4th Thursday. Also.....Saturday Coffee Morning on the second Saturday of the month.

Debenham - Each Thursday 10am to 11.30am. Coffee Morning plus open church. Tea, Coffee, Chat .

Great Meeting Hadleigh - Coffee Morning every Tuesday morning 10 am – 11.30am

Christchurch Needham Market - Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon on second Saturday.

Mendlesham - MURCies Coffee Bar. 10am – 12 noon, second Friday of the month.

Knit & Natter 2nd & 4th Monday 2-4pm.

Stowupland - Coffee Morning- last Friday in the month - 10am-12noon.

Services December 2018 - January 2019

STOWMARKET			
<i>Dec 2018</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Preacher</i>
Sun 2nd	10.25am	Family Worship with Holy Communion	Mr John Webb
Thu 6th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mr Ray Taylor
Sun 9th	10.25am	Family Worship	Mr William Glasse
Thu 13th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	The Revd Richard Edwards
Sun 16th	10.25am	Family Worship with Nativity	Nativity
Thu 20th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mr Michael Martin
Sun 23rd	10.25am	Family Worship	Dr Richard Jurd
	4pm	Carols by Candlelight	Carols by Candlelight
Mon 24th	11.25pm	Christmas Eve Worship	Mr Clive Herrod
Tue 25th	10.25am	Christmas Day Worship	Mr William Glasse
Thu 27th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Miss Anne Scarff
Sun 31st	10.25am	Family Worship	The Rev David Atkins
<i>Jan 2019</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Preacher</i>
Thu 3rd	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Miss Anne Scarff
Sun 6th	10.25am	Family Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism	The Revd David Atkins
Thu 10th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mr John Webb
Sun 13th	10.25am	Family Worship	Mrs Nichola Grieves
Thu 17th	9.30am	Week of Prayer	Mrs Irene Martin
Sun 20th	10.25am	Family Worship	Churches Together
Thu 24th	9.30am	Week of Prayer	TBA
Sun 27th	10.25am	Family Worship	Mr William Glasse
Thu 31st	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mr Keith Scarff

Services December 2018 - January 2019

Dec 2018	Time	Services	Preacher
DEBENHAM			
2nd	10.45am	Family Worship with HC	The Revd Richard Edwards
9th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Steven Walker
	3pm	Christmas Carols	Mr John Sullivan
16th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Greg Noller
23rd	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Lawrence Kellway
30th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mrs Veda Berriman
HAUGHLEY			
16th	4pm	Carols	
MENDLESHAM			
2nd	4pm	Afternoon Worship	The Revd Richard Edwards
9th	10.45am	Family Worship	The Revd David Atkins
16th	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Mr John Webb
23rd	10.45am	Family Worship	Ms Jane Paterson
STOWUPLAND			
2nd	10.30am	Family Worship	Mrs Nichola Glasse
9th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mrs Mary Durrant
16th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mr Keith Scarff
23rd	10.30am	Family Worship	Mr Clive Herrod
30th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mrs Irene Martin



**Wishing you all A Blessed Christmas
and A Happy New Year**

<i>Jan 2019</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Preacher</i>
DEBENHAM			
6th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Andrew High
13th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr John Sullivan
20th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Clive Herrod
27th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Jonathan Pooley
	3pm	Choruses and Cake	
HAUGHLEY			
20th	11.00 am	Family Worship	Mr Keith Scarff
MENDLESHAM			
6th	4pm	Afternoon Worship	The Revd. Richard Edwards
13th	10.45am	Family Worship	The Revd Paul Whittle
27th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mrs Irene Martin
STOWUPLAND			
6th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mr Keith Scarff
13th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mr William Glasse
20th		Churches Together	At Parish Church
27th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mrs Nichola Glasse



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