

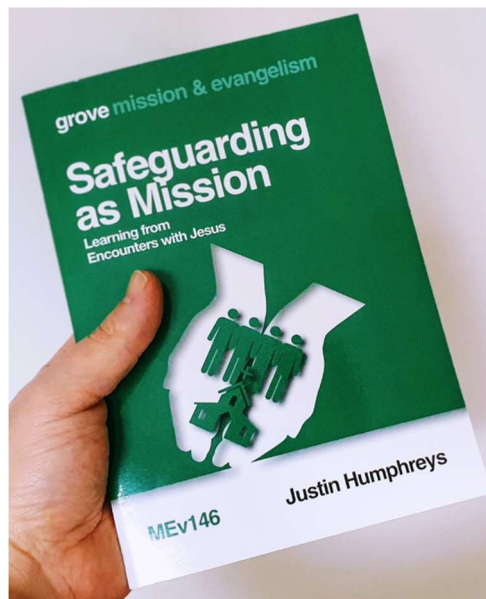
Welcome to e-bulletin for 13th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday – 16th November

16th November is Safeguarding Sunday. This is an annual ecumenical campaign led by independent Christian charity “**Thirtyone:eight**”. They take their name from Proverbs 31:8 - “*speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable*”. The campaign is in its seventh year and encourages churches to raise awareness about protecting vulnerable people from harm and abuse. The theme this year is “**Action Speaks Louder**”. We are encouraged to not just talk about safeguarding but to take positive action.



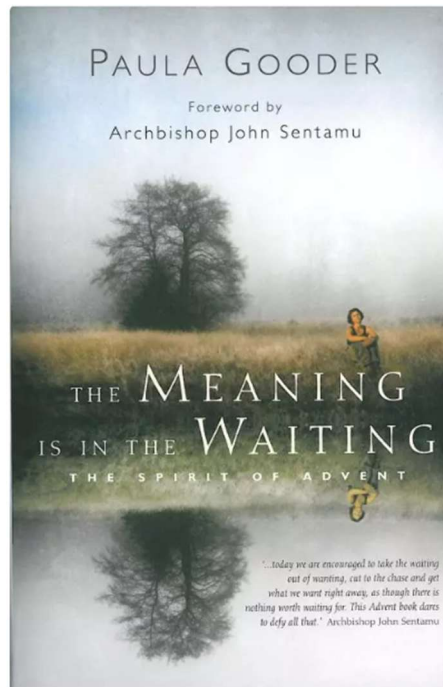
For some, the term “safeguarding” represents a bureaucratic and timewasting process that gets in the way of what is important. Thirtyone:eight sees it another way and fundamental to the Church’s mission, following the example of Jesus. Do see and read their booklet “[Safeguarding as Mission](#)”, published by Grove Books.



Advent Study Group – The Meaning is in the Waiting

A significant theme of Advent is waiting. Like children waiting for Santa to come, waiting can bring excitement, hope, anxiety or disappointment. We will explore what waiting meant for Abraham and Sarah; for the prophet Isaiah (and the people he was prophesying to); for John the Baptist; and for Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Our guide is Paula Gooder’s book *The Meaning is in the Waiting*, published in 2008 by Canterbury Press.



What are we waiting for this Advent? Join us to explore, Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9pm, at Elmham Vicarage (48 Holt Road, NR20 5JQ):

26th November Abram and Sarai (Abraham and Sarah) – what's in a name? Genesis 17:5 and 15

3rd December The Prophet Isaiah – Isaiah 9:6-7

10th December John the Baptist – John 1:6-8

17th December Mary, the Mother of Jesus – Luke 2:34-35

Full text will be provided at each session; however, you may wish to have your own copy of the book for personal study and devotion during this Advent season.

News from the Parishes

TOMORROW: Wood Norton All Saints – Café Pew and Pew Mart, Friday 14th November



Come and join us between 12.30 and 2pm for a light informal lunch in the church with a welcoming mixture of company! If you have surplus garden produce, Pew Mart offers the opportunity to buy or exchange fruit and vegetables.

Coffee anyone?

Just what's needed on a chilly November morning!
Come along to the Guist Clock Café on **Saturday 15th November**.



Cine Pew ... the screen at All Saints Church, Wood Norton
presents [The Lady in the Van](#)

Friday 21st November at 7.30pm



In homage to Maggie Smith, who died just over a year ago, we present the antithesis of Downton Abbey's Dowager Duchess in her performance as a van-dwelling tramp who took up residence outside Alan Bennett's house in Camden Town. This quirky comedy cum docudrama claims to be based on a (nearly) true story.

Directed by Nicolas Hytner in 2015. *Running Time 104 mins.*

Doors open at 7pm. Light refreshments. Bring your own cushions. There is no charge for this event.

Guist: Volunteers needed!



Please can you spare half an hour to help give Guist church a bit of a clean before St Andrew's day?
We will be at the church on Saturday 29th November at 10am. We aim to be finished by 12noon.
Thank you so much.

Advance Notice – Christmas Wreath Fair, 6th December

Beautiful Christmas wreaths, Christmas goodies and more...



Sunday Service Plan: November

16 th November	2 nd Sunday before Advent/ Safeguarding Sunday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
---------------------------	--	--------------------------------------

10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	The 10:30
23rd November	Christ the King	Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
30th November	St Andrew/ Advent Sunday	St Andrew: Romans 10:12-18; Matthew 4:18-22 Advent Sunday: Romans 13:11-end; Matthew 24:36-44
10:30am	Guist	Group Holy Communion (St Andrew)
4:00pm	Bawdeswell*	Advent Carol Service with the Festival Choir

***Bawdeswell Group Sunday Zoom**

ID: 656 174 6525; Passcode: TwKH7n

Or click this direct link [Bawdeswell Group Zoom Link](#)

Wednesdays: 10:30am, Holy Communion, Foulsham Holy Innocents'.

Prayer Calendar: 16th November: Second Sunday before Advent

Church	
HON Group: Wood Norton	Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
World	
The people of Gaza. Ukraine.	
Community	
Sick	
Departed	
Jim Bidewell (North Elmham)	Interment of Ashes: Friday 21 st November, 11.30am, St Mary's North Elmham

Church FaceBook pages

Do check parish FaceBook pages and the Heart of Norfolk website [calendar](#), with links to events in our Benefice.

Bawdeswell: www.facebook.com/bawdeswell.church

Billingford: www.facebook.com/BillingfordStPeter

Guist: www.facebook.com/standrewsguist

North Elmham: www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch

Stibbard: www.facebook.com/Stibbardchurch

Wood Norton: www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchwoodnorton

Worthing: www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing

Heart of Norfolk Benefice: www.facebook.com/heartofnorfolk

Music at St Mary's N Elmham: www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysChurch