

Welcome to e-bulletin for 23rd October 2025



Clocks go back this weekend – goodbye Summer-time!

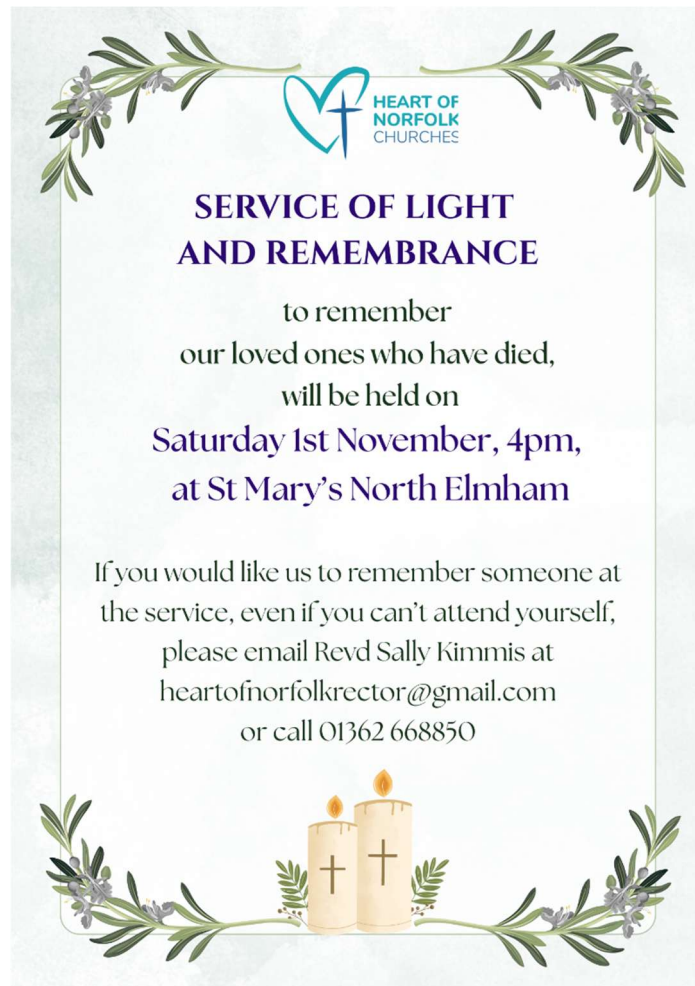
Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

Operation [Christmas Child](#) is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.



As in previous years, Worthing PCC is coordinating the collection and despatch of filled shoeboxes (wrapped in suitable paper). The deadline is 9th November (Remembrance Sunday). For more information, please contact Celia Daniel on 01362 668928 or email c.daniel784@btinternet.com

Service of Light and Remembrance, 1st November



If you would like us to remember someone at the service,
please email me at heartofnorfolkrector@gmail.com or call 01362 668850. Revd Sally.

Remembrance Sunday Services, 9th November

10:45am	Stibbard All Saints + War Memorial (11:40am)
10:45am	Bawdeswell All Saints + Zoom
10:45am	Foulsham, War Memorial + Holy Innocents' Church
10:50am	North Elmham St Mary's
10:50am	Wood Norton All Saints
10:50am	Worthing St Margaret's
2:00pm	Guist War Memorial (St Andrew's churchyard), Act of Remembrance for the Fallen of Bintree, Guist and Twyford



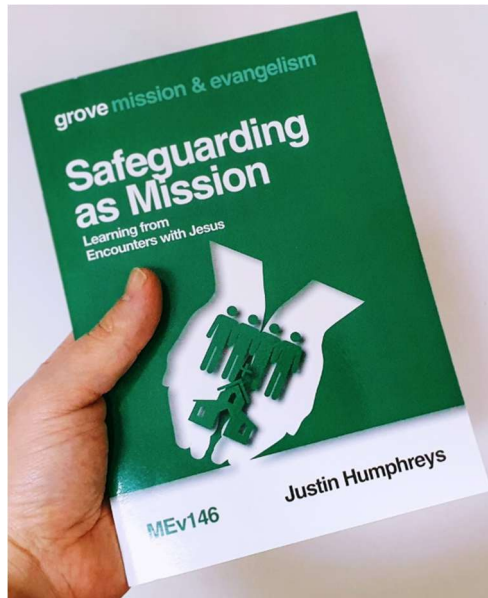
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

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.



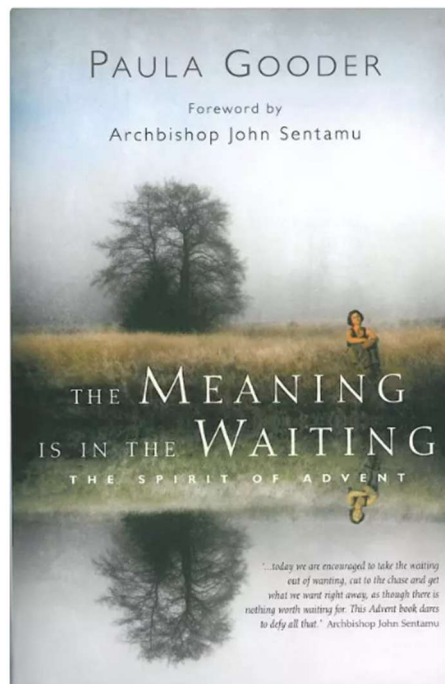
For some, the term “safeguarding” represents a bureaucratic and timewasting process that gets in the way of what is important. Thirtyone:eight sees it another way and fundamental to the Church’s mission, following the example of Jesus. Do see and read their booklet [“Safeguarding as Mission”](#), published 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 – Cine Pew, Friday 24th October

The Autumn season continues with '[Babette's Feast](#)' at 7.30pm. During the late 19th century, a strict religious community in a Danish village takes in a French refugee from the Franco-Prussian War as a servant to the late pastor's daughters. Directed by Gabriel Axel; running length 1h 43m.

Please note that there is no charge for this event, although a small donation towards catering and running costs is always appreciated.

Wood Norton All Saints - Words and Music, Friday 7th November



All are welcome to come along and participate by bringing (or requesting, via Jenny, 01362 684101 or Neil, 01362 684357), a favourite piece of music, or a reading of your choice. If you prefer, just come and enjoy the interesting miscellany that the event always produces. Doors open for cake and coffee – and conversation- at 10.30am.

North Elmham: T@2, 12th November

Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm at the North Elmham Institute.
Cake, sandwiches & savouries; convivial company and music!

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*At the North Elmham Institute on 2nd Wednesday of the month
Bring yourself, a friend and a neighbour for cake, sandwiches, savouries &
music!*

*Save the date 12th November, 10th December 2025
14th January, 11th February 2026*



Come and join us – more information from Jo, 07796 493495.

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?

Another opportunity for a chinwag and delicious cake!
Come along to the Guist Clock Café on **Saturday 15th November**.

**Guist Church & HON
Churches are hosting a
coffee and cake meet up!**
on Saturday 15 November 2025
10.30am - 12 noon



**At Guist Clock Cafe - come and meet
old friends, make new ones, eat cake
and support our village shop**

Pay for your own orders - squash and
biscuits provided free for children.

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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. It stars Alex Jennings as a very convincing version of the unwilling landlord, who wrote the screenplay and makes a tiny cameo appearance at the end. A star-studded cast includes Jim Broadbent, Roger Allam, Richard Griffiths, Dominic Cooper, Frances de la Tour, Claire Foy and James Corden.

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.

Worthing St Margaret's – The Spirit of Christmas, Saturday 29th November, 3pm

Adnams wine-tasting/ beer-sampling event. Saturday, 29th November, 3pm. Free admission, although donations would be welcome.

Orders and payment taken on the day for boxes of 6 wines (may be mixed); some singles may also be on offer. All orders will be delivered to the Church approximately one week after the event.



Also, Christmas Wreath and festive table decorations demonstration and the launch of Worthing's Christmas raffle (to be drawn on 21st December).

Further details from Celia Daniel: 01362 668928 or c.daniel784@btinternet.com

Sunday Service Plan: October & November

26th October	Last Sunday after Trinity	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
2nd November	All Saints' Day	Ephesians 1:11-end; Luke 6:20-31
9:30am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise

10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion with Baptism
10:30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Word & Praise
2:30pm	Worthing	Confirmation Service with Bishop Jane
9th November	Remembrance Sunday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13; Luke 20:27-38
	Please see above news item.	
16th November	2nd 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: 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday

Church	
HON Group: North Elmham Miranda Smith (Worthing) and Peter Walker (Billingford), to be confirmed by Bishop Jane on Sunday 2nd November, 2.30pm, Worthing St Margaret’s. Archbishop of Canterbury elect, The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally. The worldwide Anglican Communion.	Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
World	
Peace negotiations for the Holy Land. Ukraine.	
Community	
Sick	
Departed	

Betty Dack (North Elmham)	Interment of Ashes, Monday 27 th October, 12:00pm, North Elmham St Mary's
Jim Bidewell (North Elmham)	Thursday 30 th October: 10am, Committal at Breckland Crematorium; 2pm, Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's North Elmham
Maurice Clarke (North Elmham)	Funeral & burial: Thursday 6 th November, 2pm, 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