

# All Saints News



## DECEMBER 2022

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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## Vicars Voice December 2022

In this modern day and age of technology, we don't really have to wait for anything, It's all about the "Apps"! You can download instant information on your smartphone which keeps us updated as to precisely when the bus is due and which trains have been cancelled or are running late.



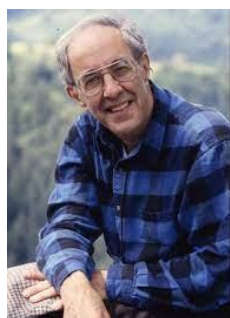
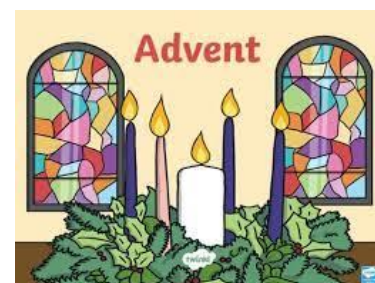
They can tell us how long our journey by car will take. The right app enables delivery companies to predict to within 30 minutes when your parcel will arrive. And we no longer need to look out expectantly for the arrival of a letter from the person we love, since email is instant.

Once upon a time, an international phone call had to be booked in advance and the family waited for the appointed time to wish a daughter in Australia a happy birthday down a crackling line. No need to wait for that now. And of course, we're told that we can 'take the waiting out of wanting' if we sign up for a credit card.

A properly organised life, using all that the most modern technology has to offer, means there is no need to wait. Just as well, since we're all so busy, busy, busy that waiting is nothing more than a frustrating waste of time.

But, the month of December sees us entering a mysterious, poignant, wonderful time of waiting in the season of Advent. A dark time of the year with short days and little sunlight. And we wait for that holy night, in a stable in Bethlehem.

Advent is a season of penance as we prepare to welcome the baby who was to become the Saviour of the world. We can be sure that the 25th of December will arrive, our Advent Calendars help us to count down the days...(and the calories!) But Advent is also a time for remembering that we are awaiting the Second Coming of Christ. In this waiting, we must have faith that Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.



Henri Nouwen, a well renowned and respected Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian wrote that "we wait, trusting that new things will happen to us, new things that are far beyond our own imagination, fantasy or prediction. That, indeed, is a very radical stance toward life in a world pre-occupied with control".

In this season of Advent, in the darkness, we pray for faith that we are held in God's hands and that we can trust the unknown enough to enter it. In the words of Minnie Haskins' poem, we can go out into the darkness, and put our hands into the Hand of God, which shall be better than light and safer than a known way.

On behalf of all the Rendlesham Churches, churchwardens and congregations, we wish you all a very blessed Advent and a very merry Christmas

### THE GATE OF THE YEAR

*'God Knows' by Minnie Louise Haskins*

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".  
And he replied:  
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".  
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.  
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.



With every blessing, **Rev Mandy Xx**

## Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in December & Early January 2023

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 2)**

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	Re v. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Family Service	Greg & Charlotte
11.00am St Felix	Holy Communion with Baptism	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	<b>Rev. Mandy Reynolds</b>
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### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 3)**

9.30am St Greg's	Holy Communion	Re v. Mandy Reynolds
9.30am Bromeswell	Christingle Service	Stephen Nicholls
11.00am St Felix	Carols & Lessons	Rev. Mandy Richards
3.00pm Wantisden	Carols & Lessons	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 4)**

9.30 Eyke	Morning Prayer	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev. Kevan McCormack
11.00am St Felix	Prayer & Praise	Greg Gooch
3.00pm St Felix	Children's Crib & Carol Service	Greg & Charlotte
6.30pm St Greg's	Carols & Lessons	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)**

<b>5.00pm Eyke</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	<b>Stephen Nicholls</b>
5.00pm Bromeswell	Carols & Crib service	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
9.30pm St Greg's	Midnight in Bethlehem	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)**

9.30am Eyke	Christmas Eucharist	Re v. Mandy Reynold
11.00am St Felix	Christmas Eucharist	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30am St Greg's	Holy Communion	Re v. Mandy Reynolds
9.30am Bromeswell	Morning Praise	Stephen Nicholls
11.00am St Felix	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

## **Christmas at All Saints**

Start your Christmas Season with a short service among the trees and decorations:

### **Friday 9th December at 3.30pm straight after school!**

As in previous years, trees would be most welcome in Church, as long as they have lights, and it would be lovely to have them in Church in time for the Service on 9th December.

The Christmas Crib Service will be as usual on **Saturday 24th December at 5pm**, and **Christmas Day Holy Communion will be at 9.30am**.

All welcome, and we look forward to seeing you this Christmastime.

## **Parish Council Meeting: 21st November.**

It was good to see a healthy turnout of villagers to this meeting on a rather wet and windy evening: the warmth of the new heating system in the hall was much appreciated.

**Housing Development.** This issue was aired at length, with many contributions from the floor. Our County Councillor Andrew Reid spoke about traffic matters, and assured the meeting that he would assist in any way he could. There were thirty responses to the questionnaire, and the results were discussed, in order to inform the Parish Council in regard to their upcoming meeting with Denbury Homes. The main areas of concern raised multiple times were to do with traffic through Eyke and across the wider area, notably through Melton, both during construction and afterwards, affordable housing, the housing mix, and how this will fit in to an established community, climate concerns and protection of habitat, water, sewage, electricity and internet connectivity and the bus service. It was also felt that Denbury Homes should contribute to the village: people felt that a community shop, cafe, play area, restoration of the pub as a community building and a contribution to the work on the hall, and help for the school were all worth consideration. Additionally great concern was voiced regarding Church Lane, which is a designated "Quiet Lane". The Parish Council agreed that when they meet with Denbury, they will ask that there is no access to the site allowed into or out of Church Lane. It is expected that the final application will be submitted to East Suffolk before the end of the year, after which the plans will be available for public inspection and comment.

**Traffic:** The Parish Council agreed that the final draft of a letter and supporting documents regarding basis on which the Local Plan was ratified should be sent to East Suffolk Chief Executive, and various councillors, querying the interpretation of some findings, and asking for an investigation into this. The Parish Council is aware that nothing can be done to change the current Local Plan, adopted in 2020, which affects how the area should be developed until 2036, but it could assist in the approach to the next, the work on which will start within a few years.

## **Village Hall Update**

Hello to everyone from the village hall committee! We're gearing up for a fantastic New Year's Eve in the newly refurbished hall, and look forward to seeing lots and lots of you there... Full details are below, along with an update on how things are coming along.

**Works Update:** While there are several big items still on the 'to do' list for Phase 3 (notably the final toilet fittings and the outside area), the hall is now ready for use. The plastering and rendering is all done, lighting, central heating and WiFi are all operational, and the outside back bifold doors will soon be fitted. Work will be paused for the festive season on 15<sup>th</sup> December, and we'll be ready for cleaning teams to move on and get everything spick and span! If you could spare a few hours to help with the cleaning, please get in touch with Sue on [sue.clark@leemarisk.com](mailto:sue.clark@leemarisk.com)

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**Finance and funding:** Grateful thanks as always to residents of the village who have made donations recently to the village hall fund, and to Jane Nash for facilitating a £1000 grant from the Matthew Good Foundation. Donations of any size are always very welcome, especially as public funding has become rather scarce in the post-Covid era. We are waiting to hear if our bid for Lottery funding has got through to the second stage, and we are always on the lookout for new funding opportunities. If you have any ideas for raising money, please let us know!

**Booking the hall:** Bookings for the hall will be welcome from January, so if you would like to hold an event there, please get in touch. We have to charge, as the upkeep and maintenance of the hall costs money, but please be assured that there will be a special discounted rate for Eyke residents' non-commercial events. We are working out the rates right now, and they'll be published on the website very soon.

**Job opportunity:** We are still looking for a hall manager to take charge of the day-to-day running of the hall, including administration and light cleaning. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this paid position, please get in touch.

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022**  
**8.00pm – 12.30-am**

Join us in celebrating New Year's Eve with friends. Sounds delivered by our regular Disco – playing music from various genres and, of course, a prize draw.  
A cash bar will be available (organised by Marie) offering wine and beer along with a selection of spirits at below pub prices. You are welcome to bring along your own snack. Tickets £10 per person from, Linda MacFarlane 07500 900560 & Sue Clark 07919 15896



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Come and join us and enjoy making  
a craft, learning about God and  
sharing in our shared lunch.

To register your attendance please  
email our organisers, Greg &  
Charlotte, on  
[stfelixfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:stfelixfamilies@gmail.com) or just  
turn up on the day!

