

# All Saints News



## JANUARY 2024

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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**Clergy:**

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**Church Wardens:**

**Mr. Michael Fisher 01394 460494**

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## Vicars Voice January 2024

“Grandma, I do love you, but you are getting a bit grumpy as you get older!!”

So was the comment made by my 12 year old granddaughter following a half term trip to the cinema together with her siblings, my youngest grandchildren, aged 8 and 6, to watch, what was, in my opinion, a rather scary animated story involving many much loved nursery rhyme characters. On our return home, I was telling their parents my thoughts on this film, when Amelia sighed with the air of a teenager to be, and made her observation above.

She may be quite right of course, but I do find these days that with age comes the increasing confidence and ability of being able to say almost what you think about something, knowing that someone is going to disagree or see you as a grump, but you can say it anyway!

Having just celebrated Christmas, one of my pet grumbles is Christmas cards which have the wise men on them. It's just one of my quirks and foibles and perhaps even illogical. I have sent cards with the nativity scene on, with angels, doves and shepherds. I might even have sent the odd card with Father Christmas or a smiling snowman on. But not ones with the 3 wise men on.

Why?

Because, actually, these 3 mystical, mysterious men from foreign shores didn't get to the Holy family in Bethlehem as Jesus was born. It is thought that they didn't actually reach Mary, Joseph and the small child Jesus until a couple of years had passed and before the Holy Family had to flee like refugees into Egypt from the wrath of Herod.



And in our church calendar, we don't celebrate this arrival of the 3 wise men at Christmas...we celebrate this event this month, on the Feast of the Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas. These visitors, learned scholars, perhaps even astrologers of the day, have their own celebration due to the journey they made following a newly formed phenomenon, a bright star and because of the gifts they bring, Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh. Each gift representing a rite of passage to come for Jesus during his lifetime.

At home, it was always a source of great amusement for my boys that the 3 wise men of the family nativity set would start their journey way across the living room, and gradually, over the course of the 12 days of Christmas, make their way to the wooden stable.

The word Epiphany means a moment of sudden and great [revelation](#) or [realisation](#). It's that thunderbolt which strikes when something suddenly falls into place and there is an understanding instead of confusion or mis-understanding.

I am sure we have all had such moments when it feels as if a light switch has suddenly been flicked on and suddenly we get it (whatever "it" happens to be) We see the light.

Christ came into the world to be a light to the world. It wasn't with a thunderbolt, just a young mother giving birth in a foreign place and a borrowed room. No wonder the wise men travelled with perseverance to find this child who could change the world, if only the world will let him.

Maybe this will be the year.

With love and blessings and wishing you peace for the year ahead,

*Rev Mandy X*

## **Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in January & early February**

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ)**

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Family Service	Greg Gooch
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**

9.30am St Gregs	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
4.00pm Bromeswell	Evening Prayer with Tea & Cake	Rev Mandy Reynolds

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**

9.30am Eyke	Morning Prayer	Rev, Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack
11.00am St Felix'	Morning Praise	Greg Gooch

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**

9.30am St Gregs	Morning Prayer	Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell	Family Service	Greg Gooch
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

## **ST FELIX CHURCH TUESDAYS**

**TOP UP SHOP 11am --12 noon**

**10am -11.30am Refreshments available**

### **Donations Always Welcome**

Eg: Personal Hygiene goods Cleaning/Laundry Products Tinned Meats  
Soups. Non perishable foodstuffs Dog/Cat/Pet food

**THANK YOU**

## **Sunshine Club Jumble Sale**

The Sunshine Club will be holding a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

There will be all the usual stalls including Books, Nearly New and,, of course,, a Tombola. Refreshments will be available.

Entry Fee - 20p.

In aid of the Eyke Sunshine Club.

## **Eyke C of E Primary School**

A request from the pupils of the Village School.

We collect batteries at school, count them and take them to the battery recycling centre. Last year we collected 9549.

So if you have any batteries and you have a child at the school please send them to school with them. If no child at school, there is a box at the school where they can be dropped off.

Please help us to do our bit about this waste by stopping batteries going into landfill sites.

If you would like further information about this project take a look at

[www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk](http://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk)

**Walter Potter, Silas Waites and Joshua Woods.**

## **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

As with last year, there will be no official Christmas Tree Festival but trees would be most welcome to decorate the Church! They must have lights please and need to be in the Church by Friday 15th December, if not before, in time for the 3.30 Service among the Trees Many thanks, and for any queries please contact Gill on 01394 461 244

## **Drinks Reception**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 5-7pm**

Our valued Parish Clerk is retiring after 44 years of dedication to our village . To mark the occasion and to extend our thanks the Parish Council will be hosting a drinks reception in the village Hall. Residents f the village are invited.

Please can you RSVP to Sue Clark

**07919 158962**

Or [sue.clark@leemarisk.com](mailto:sue.clark@leemarisk.com)

## Parish Council

It was good to see the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th November so well attended. Discussed at some length was the need to have a policy moving forward for the care and maintenance of the rec, as it is in danger of being overrun with brambles. The options of buying a suitable machine and relying on volunteers, contracting the work out or a combination of the two were discussed, as well as how much should be cut, all of which will involve considerable expense. It was agreed that a first cut should be carried out imminently.

On a positive note, the copse on the rec is flourishing, and the tree warden reported that she had planted a dozen well grown saplings there, with more to come, all of which were donated.

The concrete bases for the memorial benches for Mervyn Whitmore should be completed very shortly and the benches in place before Christmas.

Work is continuing on the village hall, as far as funds allow. A great deal of work has gone into preparing bids for the lottery, and news of the outcome is still awaited. If successful, this will allow further necessary work on the roof and at the back of the hall to go ahead.

District Councillor, James Mallinder, reported his strenuous and continuing efforts to highlight with the authorities his particular concerns with road damage and flooding on the Peninsula, as well as planning matters.

No one has yet been appointed to fill the parish clerk vacancy from 1st January, but the council has secured the services of a Locum clerk who will attend the meetings and draft the minutes on a short term basis. Councillors will share the other tasks between them. This is obviously a short term solution, so anyone interested in the role would be warmly welcomed.

The next meeting will be on January 15th.

Since the meeting, notification has been received of a consultation regarding the Denbury Homes Application. This relates to the amendments discussed in August, and mostly concern the road and car park layout. The Parish Council will meet to discuss this on Monday, 27th November at 7pm in the hall, and the meeting will be advertised to the public in the usual way. The documents are all on the East Suffolk Planning website, and comments need to be made by 6th December.

Also since the meeting, reports of dog fouling on the rec and also inside the play area, where dogs are not allowed, have been reported, as well as on verges around the village. Please make sure you pick up after your dog and encourage others to do so: we have several doggy bins in the village, including on the rec.

## Dates for the Diary

Every Monday	Craft Works	Village Hall	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 2nd December	Jumble Sale	Village Hall	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	last day to put a tree into Church for Christmas		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve Party	Village Hall	8.00pm – 12.15am