

# All Saints News



## NOVEMBER 2023

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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## Vicars Voice – November 2023

November and the nights are drawing in, the leaves on the trees are turning from green to reds and golds, there is a definite chill in the air, and people are beginning to talk more about....yes, you've guessed it, Christmas!! There are aisles in the shops devoted to Christmas cards, decorations and traditional Christmas treats!

But November is a special month. it is a month when we remember. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on November, people will be attending 'remembering' services for All Saints Day and All Souls Day, taking time to think of those they grieve in a more personal way.



The Very Reverend Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester reflects on how lighting a candle, or simply pausing in the silence, can be an enormous sense of comfort to people. Lighting a candle can help us to remember, to pause, to focus, to calm and to pray.



For many people around the world, November will involve events marking the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Armistice Day and in many churches, parks and village greens, on Remembrance Sunday there will be a local memorial service to remember those who gave their lives in conflicts past and present.



As many will know, of being the Normandy Trust, take 8 Veterans Commemorations as taking Acts of

Commonwealth War Cemeteries, this year I took a service out at sea, remembering the lives lost on HMS Fratton off the Normandy coast, giving up a poppy wreath to the elements following the exhortation, taken from the poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon:



I have the enormous privilege Chaplain for The Spirit of and this year, we managed to back to Normandy for the 79<sup>th</sup> of the D-Day landings. As well Remembrance in various

*They shall grow not old, as we whoa re left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.*

During this Act of Remembrance, we had the last living survivor from HMS Fratton with us, who, at 99 years of age, stood and remembered his mates, who didn't come home. A very poignant moment.

And so we light our candles, and remember Christ as the light of the world, lighting our way when things seem dark or difficult. May the Light of Christ be with you during this season of remembering,

With love and blessings, *Rev'd Mandy Xx*

**Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in November and early December**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent)**

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday)**

<b>10.45am St Gregs</b>	<b>Service of Remembrance</b>	<b>Rev Mandy Reynolds</b>
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent)**

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Advent)**

9.30am St Greg's	Morning Prayer	Stephen Nicholls
11.00am Bromeswell	Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Advent Sunday)**

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds
9.30.00am Bromeswell	Morning Praise	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  
Soup**

**Non perishable foodstuffs Dog/Cat/Pet food**

**THANK YOU**

## **Christmas Fayre**

**PLEASE support our following events to help with our ongoing work at the Village Hall:**

**Saturday 25th November- Eyke Village Hall Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning 10:30-1:00**

Ring or text Linda on 07500900560 or to book a Table to sell your items (£10 per Table).  
Hall open from 9:30 am for stallholders.

Refreshments will be available (Teas, Coffees, Hot Dogs and Mince Pies). There will also be a Christmas Draw, Bottle Tombola and Children's Tombola (Please let us have any suitable donations you may have as soon as possible). Any handmade or unwanted items, (as new), cakes etc will be gratefully received to be sold on a 'Village Hall' Stall.

**Please come along to support the event**

## **Quiz Night**

A quiz night is planned for Saturday 25<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 (Hall opens at 6.00pm for prompt 7.00pm start of quiz)

Teams of up to six at a cost of £5.00 per head.

Bring your own liquid refreshments, crisps etc.

Hot Dogs will be on sale at half time when a veggie option will also be available

There will be prizes for the winners and a raffle.

**Please ring John Holden on 07971 284829 or email [jacquiholden@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiholden@gmail.com) to book tickets.**

## **Harvest Supper**

Some 30 villagers and friends sat down to an excellent two course meal, provided by PCC members, on the evening of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October when a total of £462.00 less expenses was raised for church funds.

A big thankyou to everyone who supported the evening including those who donated raffle prizes.

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## Village Hall Update

Hello to all from the Village Hall committee! The summer (such as it was) is well and truly over, everyone is back from their exotic and not-so-exotic holidays, and with the autumn comes the return to the work on the hall. Such a lot has been done, but there still remain plenty of things that need a willing pair of hands. If you think you could help with the remaining work in any way at all, please give Lee a call on 0774 0612774. He'd love to hear from you!

With regard to funding, there's still no word from the National Lottery people about our bid. We've submitted all the further information that was requested, and we're now just waiting to hear from them...

The hall will be hosting a grand Christmas Fair on 25<sup>th</sup> November between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm. This is a fundraising event for the hall, and a great opportunity to pick up gifts, decorations and other Christmas treats, so please do come along. Refreshments will be available. If you would like to have a stall at the event, please contact Linda Mac on 07500 900560.

And one more date for your diary is of course the now-legendary New Year's Eve party! Last year's event was a huge success, and this year's one promises to be even better. The arrangements are being finalised right now – full details will appear shortly, in next month's newsletter, and via all the usual social media.

See you at the hall soon!

## Vacancy for Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Eyke Parish Council is looking for an enthusiastic person to take on the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The position is part time, 4 hours per week working from home. The hours of work are flexible, except for attendance at meetings, of which there are 6 per annum, on the second Monday of every other month at 7.00pm. There are occasional extra ad hoc meetings, to discuss time-sensitive issues, such as planning applications.

Salary will be based on the National Association of Local Council's pay scale, and is dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Duties include acting as an advisor to the council, agenda preparation, minute taking, dealing with correspondence, liaising with District and County Councils, filing and accounts. Administration of the parish council website would be an asset, although not for the moment essential.

Prior experience would be an advantage but again not essential, and clerk training is available through Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The outgoing clerk will be happy to offer support.

**If you are interested in applying, please contact [eyke.pc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eyke.pc@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Jackie 07486629701 for an informal discussion.**

*Footnote: It is an ideal job for someone who wants to be involved in the village community, and a local applicant would be really welcome!*

## Dates for the Diary

Every Monday	Craft Works	Village Hall	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall	10.30am – 1.00pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Quiz Night	Village Hall	6.00pm – 7.00pm