

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Vicky Scott and all the McCraw Family, Margaret Betts, Jane Ashton, Tricia Fitzpatrick, Margaret Bond, Dorothy Butcher, Daphne Glen, Ann Stone, Gill Shave, Eric and Christine Page, Frank and Mary Noyce.

The family and friends of Sandra Rowan, Judy Thorp, Colin Rice, Jennifer Frost, Pansy Wood, Jean Jacques, all those who grieve.

Our government and the tone of political debate  
Political prisoners  
The abused, the hungry and all refugees.  
For the new Benefice Administrator Michelle Jowers.  
For Ruth Bull, our Reader in training

**READINGS FOR ADVENT 2**

Malachi 3.1-4  
Philippians 1.3-11  
Luke 3.1-6

**DAILY READINGS**

Mon: Isaiah 42. 18-end  
Revelation 19  
Tue: Isaiah 43. 1-13  
Revelation 20  
Wed: Isaiah 43.14-end.  
Revelation 21. 1-8  
Thurs: Isaiah 44. 1-8  
Revelation 21. 9-21  
Fri: Isaiah 44. 9-23  
Revelation 21. 22-22.5  
Sat: Isaiah 44. 24 -45.13  
Revelation 22. 6-end



**Benefice of St Mary's & St Michael's**  
East Bergholt (EB) Brantham (B)



**The Lord is our righteousness**

**Sun 2 December  
Advent Sunday 2018**

**08:00 BCP Communion,  
EB  
11:00 Benefice  
Communion, B  
Hymns: 358, 209, 98, 307  
16:00 Family@Church, EB  
19:30 m:youth Bible  
Study**



**COLLECT**

**Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**AMEN**

**READINGS**

**08:00:** Jeremiah 33.14-16  
Luke 21.25-36  
**11:00 :** Jeremiah 33.14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3.9-end  
Luke 21.25-36

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**POST COMMUNION**

**O Lord our God,  
make us watchful  
and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your  
Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN**



**PRAYER AT LIGHTING OF THE FIRST  
ADVENT CANDLE**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
Be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be king of our lives today.**

**AMEN**

Items for the pew leaflet should be sent by the Tuesday lunchtime 12 days prior to publication  
to Rev Steph

**Advent is a time of penitence and reflection as we await the coming of the King.**



EB Preservation Society invites its members and prospective members to Carols and Mince pies at the Wombwells' home, Gaston House on 12 December from 18:30—20:00. £10 per person. Contact Sara 298385

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH, EB 4 December 12:30.**

Phone Edith to book 298932

**THANK YOU**

2000 visitors to the flower Festival: 137 came to the concert, 225 attended the Armistice Day Service, 78 came to the Street Party lunch. Profit was £3,856,03—of this £385 will go to Help for Heroes. Poppy Appeal raised £844,32 on Remembrance Sunday before gift aid allowance.

**WHAT A WONDERFUL EFFORT!**

**FOODBANK**

We are collecting mince pies, tinned ham, chocolate, "nice" biscuits and Christmas puddings. Please place in the container in the porch. Collection closes on the 16th December. Thank you.

**THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD**

In aid of the Ipswich Night Shelter is at the back of the church.

**MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES**

Donations of each needed for Carol services. Please place in the Rector's vestry.

<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Tues 4</b>	<b>Wed 5</b> <i>Heating repair in St Mary's</i>
<i>Monday is usually Rev Steph's day off</i>	<b>07:15</b> Prayer meeting in the Rectory. All welcome! <b>12:00 for 12:30</b> Fellowship Lunch in West End: Beef Casserole and trifle. £6.00. 36 tickets available. Contact Edith to book 298932	<b>09:30</b> BCP Communion, EB (Matthew 15.29-37) <b>10:00-12:00</b> Winter Warmer Welcome, EB <b>14:00</b> MU Carol Service at St Michael's, Woolverstone <b>15:30</b> Rev Steph at online safety training, EBPS <b>19:30</b> Windyridge Home Group at Songsters concert, Stowmarket
<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>Tues 11</b>	<b>Wed 12</b>
<b>10:30</b> BYE Nativity, B <b>09:00 - 15:00</b> High School rehearsal all day, EB <b>14:00</b> Rev Steph at Brooklands Nativity concert	<b>07:15</b> Prayer meeting in the Rectory. All welcome! <b>10:30</b> Funeral of Pansy Wood, EB <b>11:45</b> Rehearsals for EBHS Carol Service <b>18:00</b> EB High School Carol Service, EB	<b>10:00-12:00</b> Winter Warmer Welcome, EB <b>14:30</b> Val and Berry Grantham's Christmas communion <b>18:30—20:00</b> EB Preservation Society Carols and mince pies Gaston House, CO7 6SD <b>19:30</b> Windyridge Home Group Christmas Social, Stutton
<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>Tues 18</b>	<b>Wed 19</b>
<i>Monday is usually Rev Steph's day off</i>	<b>09:30</b> EB Primary School Christmas Church Assembly, EB <b>10:45</b> Enid Abbott's Christmas Communion <b>14:30</b> Carol Whitby's Christmas Communion	<b>09:00</b> Michelle Jowers begins work as our new Benefice Administrator <b>10:00-12:00</b> Winter Warmer Welcome, EB

**4th December: MU Reflection Day at St Mary's Winesham, IP6 9JD. Contact Chris Jacob 298552.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Thurs 6</b>	<b>Fri 7</b>	<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>Sun 9</b> <b>Advent 2</b>
<b>09:00</b> Christingle at School, EB <b>10:30</b> EBYE Nativity, EB <b>14:30</b> MU meeting in West End. Rev David Searle speaks on Festive Joy	<b>09:30</b> Toddlers and Carers meet in the West End <b>10:00</b> Coffee with the Canon, Fountain House Tearooms, EB <b>19:00</b> Choir Practice, EB	<i>Collection for the Christmas Hampers for the Foodbank ends on Monday</i>	<b>08:00</b> BCP Communion, EB <b>10:00</b> EBYE Nativity Family Service, EB. Hymns on sheet. <b>11:00</b> Communion, B Hymns: 329, The Redeemer (words on screen) 53, 49 <b>19:30</b> m:youth Bible Study
<b>Thurs 13</b>	<b>Fri 14</b>	<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>Sun 16</b> <b>Advent 3</b>
<b>13:15</b> EBPS Key Stage 1 Nativity presentation to the Elders of the village.	<b>11:00 –13:00</b> Toddlers and Carers Christmas Party, EB <b>19:00</b> Choir Practice, EB		<b>08:00</b> BCP Communion, EB <b>11:00</b> BYE Nativity, B <b>15:00</b> Carols by Candlelight Service, EB followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Special order of service. <b>16:00 –18:00</b> Mulled wine and Mince pies at Gill and Andrew Forsyth The Kennels, B. A St Michael's fundraiser
<b>Thurs 20</b>	<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>Sun 23</b> <b>Advent 4</b>
<b>14:00</b> Brooklands Christmas Church assembly, B <b>18:30</b> Carols by Candlelight, B	<b>09:30</b> St Michael's Flower Ladies decorating the Church. Helpers very welcome! <b>19:00</b> Choir Practice, EB	<b>09:30</b> Christingle Work party at St Michael's. Helpers essential and very welcome!	<b>08:00</b> BCP Communion. EB <b>10:00</b> Communion, EB Hymns: 480, 527, 633, 128 <b>11:00</b> Communion, B Hymns: 98, 377, 182, 467

From Advent Sunday the readings at the 08.00 Communion service will be from the Old Testament and the Gospel so that we get the opportunity to hear the wonderful (and challenging) Old Testament stories, too. During Advent there is a fanfare at the beginning of each main service to help us prepare for the King who is coming.