

# Pew Sheet - December 9<sup>th</sup>:



*Today we light the second candle on the Advent Wreath. It stands for the prophets. They have always been the people who have listened to God, and shared his word and his will with other people. As we approach Christmas, we hear the words of the great prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, who told us that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, and he would be Immanuel – ‘God with us’.*

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

*Events are in the relevant church unless otherwise stated. More information on anything in this Pew Sheet is available from the Parish Priest – Anna Sorensen, 01476586991 [sorensenanna8@gmail.com](mailto:sorensenanna8@gmail.com)*

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	NO Morning or Evening Prayer (Anna away)		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Ingoldsby V Hall	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	09.45	Ropsley	Morning Prayer
	14.00	Rectory	Advent Afternoon
	17.00	Old Somerby	Evening Prayer
	18.30	Rectory	Ministry Team Bring & Share
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	ST LUCY, MARTYR, 304		
	09.45	Ingoldsby	Morning Prayer
	<b>17.00</b>	Rectory	Evening Prayer
	18.00	Ropsley	Ropsley School Christingle
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	17.30	Lenton	Evening Prayer
	19.30	Braceby	PCC
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	Humby	Carol Service
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	ADVENT THREE		
	09.30	Ropsley	Holy Communion
	11.00	Braceby	Carol Service
	16.00	Old Somerby	Christmas in Song

## THIS WEEK - PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

### *IN THE CHURCH:*

- All prophets in our day, who are prepared to speak out for the Gospel.
- All those attending worship over Advent and Christmas, that the message of a loving God may take root in all our hearts hearts.

### *IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATION:*

- The members of parliament, seeking guidance as they approach the crucial Brexit vote this week.
- The work of the NSPCC, and for those who will receive our Christmas gifts.
- Zoe and James, who were married at Ropsley on Saturday.

### *IN THE WORLD:*

- Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Iraq, and all places of conflict.

### *THE SICK:*

All who suffer within our own communities, including Barbara French. For Liz Wooley, about to have surgery.

### *THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:*

Quita Jenkinson (Gina and Jeremy), Jaqueline Edmunds (Gary and family), Beatrice Dowse (friends and family), Judy Nix (Rebecca, Chris and their families).

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

### *THE COLLECT PRAYER FOR FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS:*

Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*I do not want the peace that passeth understanding. I want the understanding which bringeth peace.*

Helen Keller

THIS PEW SHEET CAN ALSO BE FOUND, EACH WEEK, WITH MORE INTERESTING AND USEFUL INFORMATION AT:

<http://www.northbeltisloegroup.org/index.html>

## COMING SOON:

### ADVENT AFTERNOONS:

Kaffe, Kager og Kunsthåndværk (Coffee, cake and crafts – Danish style)

The antidote to creeping Christmas panic – a bit of Advent cheer!

2 pm – 4pm on Wednesdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December

at The Rectory, 30 High Street, Ropsley.

### ROPSLEY CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING ...

Raised £607. Thanks to all who attended, and congratulations to Sheila and the team.

### ROPSLEY SCHOOL CHRISTINGLE:

This Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 18.00 in Ropsley Church.

ALL WELCOME!

### PLEA FOR MISTLETOE:

If anyone has any MISTLETOE, could we harvest some? The proceeds go to a local charity. Last year £130 was raised.

Andrew Vince is happy to cut and collect it.

His telephone number is 01476 585431. Many thanks.

### CAROL SEASON UNDERWAY!

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	Humby Chapel	Carol Service
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Braceby	Carol Service
	16.00	Old Somerby	Christmas in Song
		<i>Please bring children's gifts for NSPCC</i>	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Boothby Pagnell	Carol Service
		<i>With Bishop Nicholas</i>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	19.30	Sapperton	Carol Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	16.00	Lenton	Christmas Concert
	18.00	Ropsley	Carol Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	16.00	Ropsley	Crib Service

*Seasonal refreshments will be served after most carol events.*

*Please stay for some goodies and some fellowship.*

### CHRISTMAS TREE OF PRAYER, REMEMBERING & CELEBRATION:

The Christmas Tree in Ropsley Church this year will be a message tree, where you are invited to hang a star with a message – a prayer, someone you wish to remember or something you wish to celebrate. Stars will be available in Church, by the tree. The tree will be blessed at Midnight Mass.

## **Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer – winter timetable**

(until the days get lighter and warmer again!)

Monday:	MP	10.30	Rectory	EP	17.30	Rectory
Wednesday	MP	10.00	Ropsley	EP	17.00	Old Somerby
Thursday	MP	09.45	Ingoldsby	EP	17.30	Rectory
Friday				EP	17.30	Lenton
Saturday				EP	17.30	Rectory

*Please come along to the Rectory on the same basis as you would to church.*

## WHO'S WHO IN THE NORTH BELTISLOE GROUP OF PARISHES:

### MINISTRY TEAM:

Rector Designate	Rev'd Anna Sorensen	01476 586991 07793544238
Assistant Priest	Rev'd John Spriggs	01476 585756
Reader	Ken Mann	01476 585574
ALM	Colin McGarrigle	01476 585909
ALM	Fred Mann	01476 585905
ALM	Diana Burrows	01476 585513
ALM	Tony Clayton	01476 585711

### CHURCHWARDENS:

Boothby Pagnell	Tom Blake	01476 585898
	Andrew Usborne	07901 511976
Braceby	Rick Clegg	01529 497273
Ingoldsby	Kate Welbourne	01476 585812
	Hilary Gilbert	01476 585979
Lenton	Tony Clayton	01476 585711
	Peter Dobney	01476 585766
Old Somerby	Len Watson	01476 568439
	Simon Bond (Acting)	01476 562797
Ropsley	Helen Sloss	01476 585433
Sapperton	Fred Mann	01476 585905
	Jonathan Tesh	01476 585348
Humby Chapel	Colin McGarrigle (Chair)	01476 585909

# WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER IN THE NORTH BELTISLOE GROUP OF PARISHES

	Boothby Pagnell	Braceby	Ingoldsby	Humby	Lenton	Old Somerby	Ropsley	Sapperton
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00 Patronal							
7 <sup>th</sup>			18.00 Christingle					
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>								10.00 Gift Service
15 <sup>th</sup>				18.00 Carol S				
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>		11.00 Carol Service				16.00 Christmas in Song	09.30 HC	
20 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Carol S							
21 <sup>st</sup>								19.30 Carol S
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>			09.30 HC		16.00 Carol S		18.00 Carol S	
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>							16.00 Crib Service 23.30 Midnight Mass	
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>			09.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		09.30 All Age HC		
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>							10.00 Group HC	



## EXPLORING OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH:

*What does it mean to be a Christian today? Is there a God? What do Christians really believe? How does prayer work? If those are questions that you would like to explore, then this is the course for you!*

*Exploring our Christian faith* is a 12 week for anyone who wants to find out more about living the Christian life, or maybe take the step of commitment which is known as Confirmation.

*Confirmation is one of the special times that the Church describes as a 'sacrament' – a sacred moment, when God does something special in our lives. In Confirmation we confirm that the power of the Holy Spirit is at work, to guide us in our lives as Christian people, and we confirm the statements of faith that were made on our behalf at our Baptism. The lower age limit for Confirmation is 10 years old. There is no upper limit!*

Sessions will begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to join in, please contact Anna with your name and details on 01476 586991 or [sorensenanna8@gmail.com](mailto:sorensenanna8@gmail.com)

The course is informal, discussion based and suitable for all ages.