

Pew Sheet - December 16th:



Today we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath. It stands for John the Baptist. John was Jesus' cousin and the one who baptised Jesus at the beginning of his ministry. John spoke out boldly about justice and morality. Today we are called to follow his example and to stand up for justice and morality in our communities and in our world.

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

Monday 17 th	10.30	Rectory	Morning Prayer
	12.00	Ropsley	Funeral – Beatrice Dowse
	17.30	Rectory	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 19 th	10.00	Ropsley	Morning Prayer
	13.45	Ropsley	Funeral – Judy Nix
	15.00	Rectory	Advent Afternoon
	17.00	Old Somerby	Evening Prayer
Thursday 20 th	09.30	Ropsley	School Christmas Service
	(No morning Prayer)		
	17.30	Rectory	Evening Prayer
	19.00	Boothby Pagnell	Carol Service with Bp Nicholas
Friday 21 st	ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE		
	17.30	Lenton	Evening Prayer
	19.30	Sapperton	Carol Service
Sunday 23 rd	ADVENT FOUR		
	09.30	Ingoldsby	Holy Communion
	16.00	Lenton	Christmas Concert
	18.00	Ropsley	Carol Service

THIS WEEK - PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

IN THE CHURCH:

- All those who speak out about injustice, especially those who risk their lives to stand up for the powerless.
- All those attending worship over Advent and Christmas, that the message of a loving God may take root in all our hearts.

IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATION:

- The work of the Children's Society.
- All those for whom Christmas may be a time of illness, pain, loneliness and need.

IN THE WORLD:

- Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Iraq, and all places of conflict.
- Peace and understanding between those of different faiths; and for all those who seek to diminish terrorism and extremism.

THE SICK:

All who suffer within our own communities, including Barbara French, Liz Wooley.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jaqueline Edmunds (Gary and family), Beatrice Dowse (friends and family), Judy Nix (Rebecca, Chris and their families), Raymond Towell (Eileen and Brian), Joyce Taylor (family).

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

THE COLLECT PRAYER FOR ADVENT THREE:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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)

Last chance to come and join in! Please note – 3pm (instead of 2pm)

CAROL SEASON UNDERWAY!

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

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY:

Crib Service at Ropsley, 16.00

All children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity and join in the story!

Midnight Mass at Ropsley, 23.30



All Age Christmas Communion at Old Somerby, 09.30

Christmas Worship at Ingoldsby, 09.30

Everyone is invited to bring something from their stocking for a show-and-tell and blessing of gifts.

Christmas Worship at Humby Chapel, 11.00

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
2nd	10.00 Patronal							
7 th			18.00 Christingle					
9th								10.00 Gift Service
15 th				18.00 Carol S				
16th		11.00 Carol Service				16.00 Christmas in Song	09.30 HC	
20 th	19.00 Carol S							
21 st								19.30 Carol S
23rd			09.30 HC		16.00 Carol S		18.00 Carol S	
24th							16.00 Crib Service 23.30 Midnight Mass	
25th			09.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		09.30 All Age HC		
30th							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 14th January. If you would like to join in, please contact Anna with your name and details on 01476 586991 or sorensenanna8@gmail.com

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