

Please join us in prayer for:

... for those in need of our prayers:

Louise Harward (HA)(CH) Kate Touhy (CH)
John Edwards (CH) Lita Edgell (CH)

...for those ill, at home or in hospital:

Steve Chicken (CH) Lynne Hammond (CH)
Sarah Ives (SH)

... the family and friends of those who have recently died

Hilary Norman (HA) Thelma Westlake (SH)

If you would like to be included in our prayers, if you know of somebody who might be interested, or if you wish to come off the list, then please contact Liesbeth on 781902, or email to l.oosterhof@btinternet.com

How you can support your church financially!

Like every other charity, we need your help to be of help in our parishes. To support the work of the churches in our benefice, you can donate by joining the Parish Giving Scheme, or by setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order. We also have Contactless Giving Terminals in all our churches and of course you can still give cash on the collection plate.

Your friendly treasurers can give you further details if needed.

Thank you for your generosity!

This news sheet is available on our websites and delivered by email every week to all those who wish to receive it. If you know of someone who would like to receive this news sheet, please get in touch!

CHELMO HARKSTEAD ERWARTON SHOTLEY



**THE NEWS SHEET FOR
THE SHORELINE BENEFICE**

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NOTICES FOR

Sunday 21 & 28 December '25

Fourth Sunday of Advent

and First Sunday of Christmas



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10–16, Psalm 80.1–8, 18–20, Romans 1.1–7,
Matthew 1.18–end

From Psalm 80

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Services, worship and prayer time for the coming two weeks

Information about midweek worship is in italics

No Midweek worship by email in December!

Wednesday 24/12: Christmas Eve

10.00am Christingle Service, St Andrew's, Chelmondiston

4.00pm Crib Service, St Mary's, Shotley

6.00pm Carols @ Christmas Eve, St Mary's, Erwarton

11.00pm Benefice Midnight Communion, St Mary's, Harkstead

Thursday 25/12: Christmas Day

9.50am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Chelmondiston

10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Harkstead

10.00am Family Service, St Mary's, Shotley

Next Sunday 28/12: First Sunday of Christmas

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion, St Mary's, Erwarton

Worship in the Cathedral:

A schedule of regular services in the Cathedral can be found here:

<https://stedscathedral.org/worship/>

The cathedral live streams most of their services on their YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@stedscathedral/streams>

Events @ the Cathedral

Our Cathedral offers a broad program of events including popular & classical concerts, holiday activities, tower tours, talks and lectures, and much more:

Please check the Cathedral's website for more details:

<https://stedscathedral.org/whats-on/>

Carols around the Benefice

Sunday 21st December - Carols by Candlelight

St Mary's, Shotley - 2.30pm

St Mary's, Harkstead - 5.00pm

St Andrew's, Chelmondiston - 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th Dec - 6.00pm - Carols @ Christmas Eve -

St Mary's Erwarton



Charlie Haylock's final public performance!

Many thanks to everyone who made this such an enjoyable and successful evening.

Particular thanks to Charlie for his generous donation of profits to Harkstead Church Heritage.

Shotley Church update:

The builders have now erected scaffolding to shore-up the crumbling arch. For safety reasons the church will be kept locked except for services.

PCC Meetings

Chelmondiston: Thursday 5th February, 7.30pm, Church Room

Harkstead: Tuesday 20th January, 7.30pm at Catkin's

Erwarton: Wednesday 14th January, 2.00pm at Jayne's

Shotley: Thursday 15th January, 7.30pm at Maureen's