

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)

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!

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**THE NEWS SHEET FOR
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NOTICES FOR

Sunday 7 December '25

Second Sunday of Advent



Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

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Isaiah 11.1–10, Psalm 72.1–7, 18, 19, Romans 15.4–13,
Matthew 3.1–12

From Psalm 72

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wonderful things.
And blessed be his glorious name for ever.
May all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Services, worship and prayer time for the coming week

Information about midweek worship is in italics

Midweek worship by email may be intermittent during the coming weeks

Next Sunday 14/12: Advent 3

9.30am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Chelmondiston

11.00am Family@Church Christingle, St Mary's, Shotley

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. Our first service back in St Mary's will be next Sunday 14th, as above.

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:

New Year's Day Cathedral Tour

A special, free, tour of the Cathedral, its history and architecture. No booking required, just come along on New Year's Day!

Please check the Cathedral's website for more details:

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

Our traditional **Benefice Christmas Cards**, delivered to every household in the Benefice, have now arrived.

If **you** have some **spare time** and **energy**, we are looking for more **volunteers** to help deliver the cards in Shotley.

If you can help, please let Liesbeth know: l.oosterhof@btinternet.com

Charlie Haylock's final public performance!

St Mary's, Harkstead - **Saturday 13th December**, 7.00pm

Tickets £15 including a drink

bookings: harksteadchurchheritageevents@gmail.com

or mobile: 07464 949975

Carols around the Benefice

Wednesday 17th Dec - 6.00pm - Carols at the Red Lion, Chelmondiston

Friday 19th Dec - 6.00pm - Carols in the Pub Garden, Harkstead

Sunday 21st December - Carols by Candlelight



St Mary's, Shotley - 4.00pm

St Mary's, Harkstead - 5.00pm

St Andrew's, Chelmondiston - 7.00pm



Wednesday 24th Dec - 6.00pm - Carols @ Christmas Eve - St Mary's

Erwarton

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