



St Nicholas Church

— Bishop's Sutton —

The St Nicholas Gingerbread Festival was held last Sunday and many thanks go to the organiser, Kate Lingham, the judges and of course the bakers. Many a wonderful creation was made by a whole range of generations with tasty bakes of all shapes and sizes.

Future services and events

Thurs 4th Dec – Tea at 10 with Amber

Sun 7th Dec at 5pm St Nicholas Patronal

Evensong with visiting choir *Index Cantorum* and organist Alison Benton, followed by drinks and mince pies. Learn about and celebrate Saint Nicholas with the addition of beautiful music.

From Tues 9th Dec – visit St Nicholas and the wondrous world of Narnia. Children and adults alike will love this magical world which has been conceived and created by Melissa Simm. Open 9am-5pm.

Thurs 11th Dec – 7pm for 7.30pm Christmas-themed quiz and raffle in the Village Hall, fundraising for St Nicholas. Details (including how to reserve your table) from jamescaldwellpersonal@gmail.com.

Sun 14th Dec – 11am Matins

Tues 16th Dec – Carols in The Ship from 5.30pm, singing will start at 7pm (raising money for the Beacon night shelter).

Thurs 18th Dec – Tea at 10 with Amber

Sun 21st Dec – 3pm Christingle

Christmas Eve – 9pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day – 11am Lessons and Carols

Sun 28th Dec – 11am Benefice BCP Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, West Tisted

Sun 14th Dec – 4pm Holy Communion with Advent Carols

Wed 17th Dec – 5.30pm Village Carol Singing



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— ROPLEY —

Discovering and sharing the generous love of God

Welcome to our Benefice service of Holy Communion. It is wonderful to be together for worship. The community room is available during the service for children aged 0-4. Older children are welcome to go over to the Coffee Room after the 1st hymn for Explorer Church or to borrow a book from the table at the back.

Many thanks to everyone involved in yesterday's Advent Concert. What a fantastic evening!

The **Christmas Tree Festival** is almost here! Thanks to many generous sponsors, St Peter's will be transformed into a festive wonderland. Tickets for the Preview Evening and switching on the lights on Fri 12th Dec are available from the Events website. Some sponsors have decided not to take their trees away after the Festival ends. If you would like to reserve one of these trees to take home in return for a donation to St Peter's, please talk to Jules Flory, Christine DZ or Jill Shakspeare. The trees will be available after 5pm on Sun 14th Dec or the morning of Mon 15th Dec. Please let us know in advance.

Future services and events

Every Sunday (term time) – 5pm-7pm Ropley Youth Club for ages 11-18. Table tennis, table football, crafts, games and pizza.

Every Tuesday – 9.45am Celtic morning prayer; Minecraft Church 5.30-7pm.

Sat 6th Dec – 10am-12pm Crafty Advent at St Peter's. Craft and Christmas fun for all ages!

Sun 7th Dec – 10am Café church with Communion (refreshments from 9:50am); 6pm Benefice Prayer Group at St Peter's.

Fri 12th Dec – 6.30pm Preview Evening for the Christmas Tree Festival. **Sat 13th** – 10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival (Mini Crotchets 9.30)

Sun 14th Dec – 10am Holy Communion; 12.30-5pm Christmas Tree Festival.

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