# Church Notices

**Sunday 15 November 2026**
**The Second Sunday Before Advent**

**Collect**
Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings: Zeph.** 1. 7, 12-end; **1 Thess**. 5. 1-11**; Matt.** 25. 14-30

**Please pray for** Mike Kerr, Evelyn Crouch, Annie Burton, Penny Skilbeck, Elisabeth Hill, Francis Huntington, Vinny Buss, Hennie and Diane Van Wyk, Tom Bates, Bernice Robbins and Pat Kelly.

**St James the Great, Elmsted** - Parish Communion TODAY at 11am

**Baptism of Arthur Anderson TODAY** at 12.30pm at Wye Church.

**GLOW Service TONIGHT** at 6.30pm at Wye Church. All welcome to come along to our relaxed informal service to connect, enjoy contemporary worship, reflect on the Bible and engage in interactive prayer.

**Wye PCC Meeting** on Monday 16 November at 7pm at Wye church.

**There will be a Benefice Service** at 10.30am on Sunday 29 November at All Saints' Petham. Apart from the Advent Carol Service in Wye at 6.30pm, there will be no other service on this day.

**St Mary's Stelling Church Pop-In Breakfast**

*Fundraiser for St Mary's*



**Thursday 19 November 10.30am to 1pm**



Stelling Minnis Village Hall.

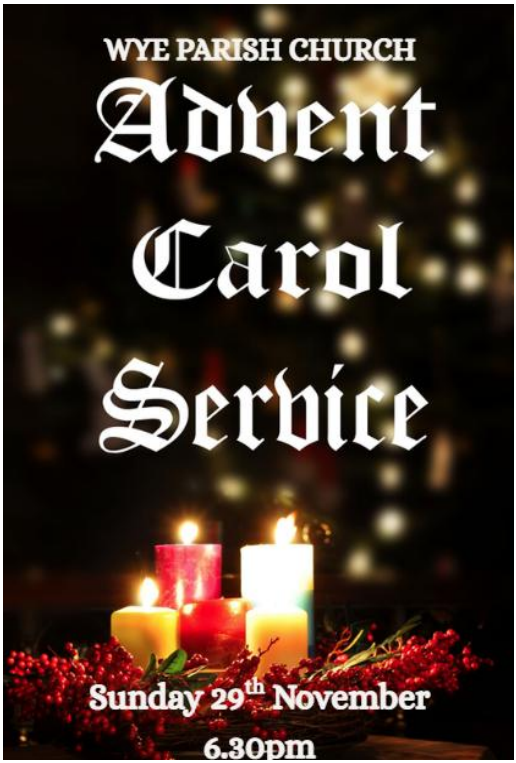
Full English Breakfast, Smoked Salmon with Scrambled Egg, Sausage or Bacon Sandwich, Tea/Coffee.
Jam, marmalade, cakes & used books on sale.



**Alan Daly** – Service of Interment of Ashes at 11am on Monday 23 November at St Mary's Brook.

**Wye Church Flower Team** will be holding their AGM at 2-4pm on Thursday 26 November at Wye church.





We're back ...and bigger and better
than in 2024
*So, get the Diary out and "Save The Date"*



## *Christmas Craft Fayre*
## *Stelling Minnis Village Hall*

## *Saturday 28th November 2026*
## *10.30 to 4.30*

***Professional Crafters including a Silversmith, Fused Glass artist, Water colours and ceramics, Neals Yard Organic Products, beautiful Feather Art, feather hatpins and feather Christmas Tree decorations, Felt crafts, Clay jewellery, and Lots More .....***

***..... from your churches,***

***Homemade preserves, Christmas Wreaths and some fabulous Christmas Decorations, Tombola, Raffle, Jigsaw Table***

***...and throughout the day teas, coffees, mince pies and mulled wine, cakes, pastries and savouries***

***All proceeds will be shared between our two churches,***
***St Mary's Stelling, and St Peter & St Paul's,***
***Upper Hardres***



***Come along, bring the family and friends and join in the fun.***
***You can do a lot of your Christmas shopping on one day – some beautiful and unusual gifts.***



## Events Around the Deanery

### Coffee & Cake Concert at St Mary's, Chartham
### Flautist, Heledd Frances Wright: Winter Spirits.

Saturday 21 November, 10.15 for 11am. Just £7 entry towards church funds (including coffee/tea and cake), children free. In her first visit to Chartham Church as a soloist, Heledd will perform works for flute and piano from the 17th century to the present day. Performing traditional flute sonatas alongside nature and jazz-inspired works for alto & bass flute, this concert promises something everyone as winter draws near.

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### St Marys Chartham Christmas Market

Saturday 28 November 10 - 2pm. Gifts, crafts, refreshments and festive fun!

**RAFFLE**: A hand-knitted Nativity set (**Knitivity**) will be raffled on **Saturday 21 November** opposite the Post Office during the Farmers' Market. Tickets £3 each. The draw will be made in the following week. All proceeds go directly to support the education of disadvantaged children in Delhi, India via The Wye and Brook India Trust (Reg No. 288217). Having just visited the schools, we can assure you that your donations and support make an enormous and life-changing difference to the children and their families! *Ali Poole 07955675998 and Wendy Callaghan 07473516636*