

# CHURCH SERVICES

in the Benefice of the Upper Nar & Launditch

## NOVEMBER 2021

### Friday 5th November

8:00m Compline – Online – Hilary De Lyon

### SUNDAY 7th November – 3rd before Advent (Red or green)

Jonah 3:1-5,10 | Psalm 62:5-12 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 1:14-20

#### Benefice Service – 10.00am – Little Dunham

6:30 Evensong Mileham

### THURSDAY 11th November

#### Remembrance Day

10:50am	Gt Dunham School	Miriam Fife
10:50am	Weasenham Memorial	Peter Brown
10:50am	Litcham, Remembrance Service	Wardens

### Friday 12th November

8:00pm – Compline – Online – Miriam Fife

### SUNDAY 14th November – 2nd before Advent

#### Remembrance Sunday (Red or green)

Daniel 12:1-3 | Psalm 16 | Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18)19-25 | Mark 13:1-8

*9:45am	Online Service	Remembrance	Miriam Fife
10:50am	Beeston Churchyard	Remembrance Service	Miriam Fife
10:50am	Little Dunham	Remembrance Service	Lay Led
10:50am	Litcham	Remembrance Service (also remembering East Lexham fallen)	John Blore
10.50am	Longham	Remembrance Service	Lay Led
10.50am	Weasenham	Remembrance Service	Peter Brown
10.50am	Gressenhall	Remembrance Service	Julia Hemp
10.50am	Tittleshall	Remembrance Service	Hilary De Lyon
4:00am	Little Fransham	Remembrance Service	Miriam Fife
6:30pm	Mileham	EP & Remembrance	Lay Led

### Friday 19th November

8:00pm Compline – Online – John Blore (Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680)

### SUNDAY 21st November

#### Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King (Red or white)

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14m | Psalm 93 | Revelation 1:4b-8 | John 18:33-37

9:00am	East Lexham	Holy Communion BCP	Sally Theakston
9:00am	Stanfield	Holy Communion Iona	Kevin Blogg
9:15am	Rougham	Holy Communion	Iona John Blore

10:00am	Online Service	Morning Prayer	Miriam Fife
10:15am	Litcham	Matins	Church Wardens
10:30am	Great Dunham	Family Service	Miriam Fife
10:30am	Weasenham	Holy Communion BCP	Sally Theakston
11:00am	Mileham	Morning prayer	Lay Led

### Friday 26th November

8:00pm Compline – Online – Miriam Fife

### SUNDAY 28th November - Advent Sunday (Purple, year C begins)

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25:1-9 | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Luke 21:25-36

9:00am	Little Dunham	Morning Prayer	Church Wardens
9:00am	West Lexham	Holy Communion	Iona Miriam Fife
10:30am	Great Dunham	Family Holy Communion	Miriam Fife
10:00am	Online Service	Morning Worship	Julia Hemp
10:30am	Weasenham	Morning Prayer	Peter Brown
10:15am	Litcham	Matins BCP	Church Wardens
10:30am	Tittleshall	Reflection	Anna Kidd
11:00am	Mileham	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
11:15am	Gressenhall	Holy Communion CW	Julia Hemp
3:00pm	Bittering Parva	Advent Carols & Jesse Tree with Miriam Fife	

### Friday 3rd December

**\*No compline this evening - Concert in the Methodist Chapel, Litcham.**

### SUNDAY 5th December - Advent 2 (Purple)

Malachi 3:1-4 | Philippians 1:3-11 | Luke 3:1-6

Benefice Service: Great Fransham – 10:00

Advent Carol Service

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CW: service conducted according to Common Worship (2000)

BPC: service conducted according Book of Common Prayer (1662)

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## DECEMBER

### FRIDAY 3rd December

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### SUNDAY 5th December Advent 2 purple

Malachi 3:1-4 | Philippians 1:3-11 | Luke 3:1-6

**Benefice Service:** Great Fransham – 10.00 – Advent Carol Service with Julia hemp  
6.30pm – Mileham – Evensong

### FRIDAY 10th December

8:00pm - Online Compline – Miriam Fife

### SUNDAY 12th December – Advent 3 purple

Zephaniah 3:14-20 | Psalm 146:4-10 | Philippians 4:4-7 | Luke 3:7-18

9.00am	Little Dunham	Holy Communion BCP	Hilary de Lyon
10.00am	Online Service	Morning Worship	Miriam Fife
10.15am	Litcham	Holy Communion BCP	Hilary De Lyon
10.30am	Weasenham	Carol Service	Peter Brown
10.30am	Tittleshall	Reflection	Anna Kidd
11.00am	Mileham	Carol Service	Lay Led
3.00pm	Gressenhall	Carol Service	Julia Hemp
5.00pm	Rougham	Christingle	Miriam Fife

### FRIDAY 17th December

6.30pm	Stanfield	Carol Service	Miriam Fife
8:00pm	Online Compline	O Sapientia	Hilary De Lyon

### SATURDAY 18th December

4.00pm	Tittleshall	Christingle	Miriam Fife
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### SUNDAY 19th December – Advent 4 purple

Micah 5:2-5a | Psalm 80:1-8 | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Luke 1:39-45

10.00	Online Service	Morning Worship	John Blore
10.15	Litcham	Matins	Church Wardens
10.30am	Great Dunham	Family Service	Hilary / Miriam
10.30am	Weasenham	Holy Communion BCP	Sally Theakston
4.00pm	East Lexham	Carol Service	Hilary de Lyon
6.00pm	Little Dunham	Carol Service	Kevin Blogg
6.30pm	West Lexham	Carol Service	TBA/ lay led
6.30pm	Beeston Ploughshare	Carols in the Pub	Miriam Fife

**TUESDAY 21st December**

6.30pm Litcham Family Carol Service Miriam Fife

**WEDNESDAY 22nd December**

7.00pm Great Dunham Carols by candlelight Miriam Fife

**FRIDAY 24th December – Christmas Eve**

No compline this evening

5.30pm Gressenhall Christingle Kevin Blogg  
6.30pm Wellingham Christmas Service Bishop Jane of Lynn  
11.30pm Litcham Holy Communion John Blore

**SATURDAY 25th December – Christmas Day**

Isaiah 52:7-10 | Psalm 98 | Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) | John 1:1-4

10.00am East Lexham Family Service Peter Brown  
10.00am Gressenhall Family Service Julia Hemp  
10.30am Gt Dunham Holy Communion/Family service Miriam Fife

**SUNDAY 26th December – First Sunday of Christmas White**

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 | Psalm 148 | Colossians 3:12-17 | Luke 2:41-52

10.00 – Online Benefice Service – Miriam Fife

**FRIDAY 31st December**

8:00pm - Online Compline – Hilary De Lyon – Thomas Beckett, martyr

**SUNDAY 2nd January – Christmas 2 or The Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | Psalm 119:1-8 | Hebrews 9:11-14 | Mark 12:28-34

Benefice Service – 10.00am – Weasenham St Peter - John & Hilary

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### REVEREND MIRIAM WRITES...

As we approach the end of the year 2021 I have been reflecting on the passing of time, and how no matter what happens as time passes, human beings do have an extraordinary capacity to overcome adversity and look towards the future. This time last year, we were fearful that our churches might all be closed at Christmas time and that we wouldn't be able to celebrate Christmas together. Although it wasn't quite what we have experienced in the past, we were able to celebrate together with some special services in church and for those who were unable to go out we celebrated online. This has proven to be a gift to us, as we have continued online worship throughout the year, so that no housebound person needs to feel left out; we have held online lent courses, social gatherings where we just chat and laugh together, special services at Easter and Remembrance, and of course, we will be celebrating Christmas too. If you have a computer or tablet, you are most welcome to join us (I can talk you through how to join in). We look forward to meeting you!

We are delighted that this year we have planned Carol services in almost every parish in our group, and there is something to delight everyone, whether you enjoy a Nativity play, a traditional Lessons and Carols, Carols by Candlelight, a Christingle or even Carol singing in the pub. Do come and join us at one (or more!) of these, as we celebrate this most joyous Christian Festival together in person once again, as well as celebrating the fact that we can now do so with more confidence that human resilience has overcome even that deadliest of diseases, Covid-19. Covid is still here, and we continue to take precautions to keep as safe as possible while enjoying being together. If the situation changes, for example, due to a new variant emerging, or more restrictions imposed by government, up to date information will be put on our website and noticeboards. I also send out a weekly email with details of that week's services, so if you would like to receive this email (or a hard copy by post), please contact me.

I have been so encouraged that throughout 2021 there has been an overriding sense of hope for the future; let's carry this through into 2022. I wish you all a joyful, peaceful and safe Advent and Christmas.

With every blessing  
Miriam

### METHODIST SERVICES

**Litcham** - all at **10.30am** unless otherwise stated

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| 5th  | Fellowship service   |
| 12th | Deacon Jen Woodfin   |
| 19th | Fellowship service with carols                                     |
| 25th | <b>10.15am</b> Christmas Day service at Tittleshall                |
| 26th | Zoom service details on Central Norfolk Methodist Circuit website. |

**Tittleshall** - Please note varying times

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| 5th  | Carol service at <b>3pm</b> |
| 12th | Dee Moden                   |

19th Fellowship service  
25th Christmas Day service at **10.15am**  
26th details on Central Norfolk Methodist Circuit website.

## METHODIST NOTES

'And so this is Christmas, and what have we done?  
Another year over, and a new one just begun.'

John Lennon

As I am writing this, 120 world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for COP26, so, by the time you read this we will hopefully have some kind of idea of how steps are going to be applied to help us become kinder to the planet.

2021 has been a year of hope with introduction of vaccinations to help to combat the scourge of Covid, and we can only hope that 2022 can continue the trend of hope and kindness for each other along with the environment,

There are some changes to our worship pattern during December.

You will already be aware of the concert of modern Christmas songs at Litcham on December 3rd. There may be spaces left in case you were thinking of coming and have not reserved places. You can call (01328) 700978 if you are interested.

On the following Sunday, (the 7th) Tittleshall are holding a Carol Service at 3pm.

Then on Friday the 17th. Litcham are holding the Big Carol Sing at 7pm. This has become a popular annual event, and will include many of your favourite carols.

On Christmas Day there will be a short service for all the family at Tittleshall at 10.15 am. There will not be a service at Litcham.

You can be assured of a warm welcome at any of these occasions, so do come along and discover the real meaning of Christmas.

With this in mind everyone connected to the Methodist Church would like to wish you the love, joy and peace of Christmas.

I leave you with some lines by modern hymn writer, Peter Relf.

Songs that paint a cosy Christmas miss the truth of above.

See how God, rejected, homeless, came a child with wide eyed love.

Baby child and dying friend, living Lord, love without end.

Stephen Lynn