SUNDAY COFFEE: coffee after Church each Sunday will be served after the Parish Eucharist in the Meeting Room**.**
Please note coffee on 6th December will be served in the Parish Church Hall by and in support of 1st Holt Scouts.

WEEKDAY COFFEE MORNING: on Wednesday mornings 10.00am – 12.00noon in the Meeting Room. Please come along to meet friends and make new ones. All welcome.

FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH GROUPS: small groups meeting in the parish for friendship, bible study, discussion and prayer:
1st Tuesday of the month 2.00pm – 3.30pm: Next meeting Tuesday 5th January at 19 The Beeches courtesy of Peg Austin
3rd Thursday of the month 11.00am – 12.00pm at 4 Pineheath Road, High Kelling, following the 10.00am Eucharist at All Saints, courtesy of Ann Alborough.

LIVE STREAMING: Please be aware that if you sit in the first 3 - 4 rows of pews in the nave or come to the chancel step you are likely to be seen and possibly recognised on our live stream. During the distribution of Holy Communion your privacy is respected and the camera view is that of the East Window.

CROMER & DISTRICT FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT: Dry & tinned food donations can be left inside church on the right. Collection Fridays

TIMES OF SERVICES
Morning Prayer 9am & Evening Prayer 5.30pm
Daily Eucharist Mon, - Sat 9.30am except Wednesday when at 12.00noon and Thursday for RC Mass. Thurs 10.00am at All Saints, High Kelling.
Sunday 8am BCP Eucharist. Sunday 9.15am Said Eucharist at All Saints. Sunday 10.30am Sung Parish Eucharist.
Choral Evensong 5.00pm (2nd Sunday of the month). Services at St Andrew's Holt, unless stated otherwise.
YOUTUBE: To view the services and concerts on our YouTube channel click the YouTube link at the top right of any page on our website www.holtchurch.org or search online on YouTube for St Andrew the Apostle, Holt

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:
Wednesday 16th December: 7.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday 20th December 2.00pm Lessons and Carols at All Saints, High Kelling.
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve 6.00pm Crib Service
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Friday 25th December Christmas Day 8.00am BCP Eucharist, 9.15am Said Eucharist All Saints, 10.30am Eucharist
Sunday 27th December Holy Family 8.00am BCP Eucharist, 9.15am Said Eucharist All Saints, 10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 3rd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas 8.00am BCP Eucharist, 9.15am Said Eucharist All Saints, 10.30am Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord 7.00pm Sung Eucharist
Weekday Eucharists during the octave of Christmas are at 9.30am except for Thursday 31st December at 10.00am All Saints

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THE PARISH OF HOLT WITH HIGH KELLING
SUNDAY 29th November 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Principal Celebrant:
Fr. Howard Stoker
Preacher:
Fr. Philip Blamire

Mass setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Organ voluntary: Chorale Prelude on Wachet auf – JS Bach

PREPARATION HYMN: 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 37 Hark what a sound

After the Greeting the Advent Wreath is lit and the following prayer is said:

Blessed are you, sovereign,
Lord, God of our ancestors:
To you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
And to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
And be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
A lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
For you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

COLLECT:
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 64.1-9*
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1.3-9*
My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL HYMN: 51 The Lord will come

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia! **Alleluia!**
I have told you this before it occurs, says the Lord, so that when it does occur, you may believe. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL *Mark 13.24-37*
Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake -for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: 666 I cannot tell

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:
Stir up your power, O God, and come among us; heal our wounds, calm our fears and give us peace; through Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS:
55 When the King shall come again 47 People look east

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:
O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 41 Lo, he comes

Organ voluntary: Le monde dans l'attente du Sauveur – Marcel Dupre

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The sick from the parish: Sarah Ashbee, Nina Buck, Amanda Burch, David Coslett, Sue Crook, Phyllis Durham, Stephen Dyer, Gary Gould, Daphne Howard, Sylvia Levete, Jean Mogford, Georgina Morrish, Ken Swallow, Janet Waller.
The sick from beyond the parish: Jean Arkell, Andrew Armitage, Lois Blamire, Vanessa Blythe, Rosemary Buchanan, Shirley Dyble, Chris Garlick, Ian Hall, Carol Hatch, Robert Herring, Pauline Huggins, Rosie Jones, Adelina Lahman, Georgette Lahman, Margaret, Karen Massingham, Sheila Mitchell, Nieves Beguiristain, David Phillips, John Riseborough, Samuel, Pamela Sithole, Sheila Turner, Kathleen Watson, Susan White.
Those who have recently died: Ruby Rudd, Vanda Gaye Balfour
Anniversaries of death: Reginald Shortland, John Jarvis, Robert Alger, Ruth Davey, Eric Warmington, Ian Anderson, David Coltman.

NOTICES:

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: The PCC are pleased to announce that Kate Denby has been appointed as Parish Administrator and will take up this appointment from the 2nd December. Kate will be in the office 9hrs per week and the parish office will open Wednesday & Friday's 9.30am – 2.00pm. Subject to change.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Next service 5.00pm January 10th 2027 & then every second Sunday of the mont**h** at 5.00pm.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Sunday 29th November 5pm. A service of readings, carols and anthems for Advent.

FEAST OF ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE: Monday 30th November. **Patronal Sung Eucharist 6.30pm.** Preacher: Revd Dr Peter Doll, Norwich Cathedral's Canon Librarian. Light Fish Supper available at £15.00 to include two course, glass of wine and tea/coffee. Numbers limited. Tickets available from Frances Jenkinson. Tel: 01263 860342

WINDOWS OF THE NORTH AISLE: Wednesday 2nd December 11.00am. An illustrated talk by James Thomson about the stained glass windows in the north aisle of the church. All welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING. Monday 7th December 10.15 - 12.15
Do join us as we dust and polish the church ready for christmastide. Refreshments provided. All welcome, just turn up. Any queries Fiona (07768717902)

ADVENT QUIET DAY: Tuesday 8th December at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham led by the Rt. Revd Peter Eagles. 10am – 4.00pm. Cost: £18.00 to include lunch. The day will include two devotional addresses, Sung Eucharist, and sprinkling at the well and time for quiet reflection. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend, indicating any dietary requirements.

FESTIVE COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 9th December 10.30am – 12noon High Kelling Village Hall. Festive treats, & grand raffle in aid of All Saints.

COME AND SING HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Sunday 20th December. 3.30pm rehearsal for the choir. 6.00pm Concert
Come along at 3pm and register to sing in the choir or at 5pm when doors open for the 6pm performance accompanied by orchestra and soloists. Licensed bar opens at 5.15pm. Cost £10pp. For ticket enquires: email katharine@kvhcom.com or apply online at www.holtchurch.org

MENS GROUP AT ST ANDREWS: meets on Wednesdays from 1.30pm–3.00pm in the Meeting Room An inclusive, welcoming group which offers support, friendship and conversation and is concerned for men's wellbeing. Come along and find out more.