

# THE LANTERN

NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD

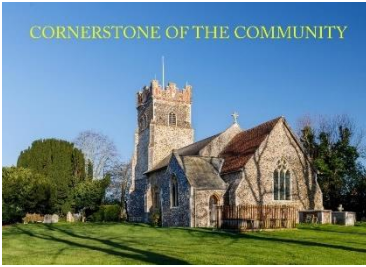


*Photo Stewart Belfield*

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**DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026**

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## **FROM ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY TEAM**

### **CHRISTMAS 2025**

What is the most amazing or memorable journey that you have been on? Christmas is all about journeys. In the run up to Christmas, vast numbers of people travel around the country (and for some beyond) to stay with family and friends, or for a Christmas break. Where will you be going, or who will be coming to you?

According to Time Out, on average, this Christmas people will drive around 53 miles each way to see their friends and family this Christmas. If last December is anything to go by, the last Friday before Christmas will be the busiest day on the roads with 23.7 million journeys made on that day.

If you are travelling by train, the Independent newspaper's research reveals that Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> are expected to be the busiest days on the railways this Christmas – and don't forget that Liverpool Street Station will be closed for eight days between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Should you be flying off somewhere for Christmas, our local Stansted airport is likely to be busy. Last year, the country's two busiest airports for those celebrating Christmas abroad were Stansted and Manchester with 500,000 expected to be flying from these airports this Christmas.

The original Christmas is focused on a number of journeys.

To start with, we have the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem, back to Royal David's City, the place of promise where our Saviour Jesus was to be born.

Then there is the journey of the shepherds from the fields to the stable. They responded to the call of the angels to see the great thing that had come to pass of a Saviour being born in Bethlehem, and went with hope, surprise and wonder.

I guess that we are all familiar with this story of the visit of the wise men, which we have seen on Christmas cards and watched children act out in their nativity plays. They made a long journey from the East bringing unusual gifts, reminding us that Jesus is of worldwide, global significance for all peoples and nations.

For many people, Christmas prompts us to journey back to memories of past Christmases as well as a search for meaning, with a star to guide us.

What is the relevance to us that Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem? The Christmas story is so well known that we can become numbed about its effectiveness for us.

The challenge to us is this: do we have the desire, like the Shepherds, to come to Jesus? The shepherds did not wait. It might mean that we have to put ourselves out to get there. It might mean that we have to leave things behind, like the Shepherds left their sheep, to come to Him. But in the end, like the Shepherds, we will be blessed if we come and spend time with him.

Arguably, the greatest ever journey made is that of the Lord Jesus Christ who came from the throne of glory to our sinful world, to the womb of Mary and then to a manger, and ultimately to the Cross, then Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

In the words of this carol, do come and celebrate Christmas in 'your local village church' at St Andrew's Bredfield (as well as the Christmas Sunday Walk), as we journey in our hearts and minds to Bethlehem.

Kate and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year!

With our love, prayers and blessings,

Charles Trefusis  
Rector

## DIARY DATES

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Once again this year, I will be forming a Christmas choir to take part in our Carol Service which will take place at 17.00 on December 21st. This will be the third year we have run it and if the last two years are anything to go by, it will be a lot of fun.

Everyone is welcome – no previous experience is needed. Rehearsals will take place in the church room on Thursday evenings at 19.30 starting on **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. It would be helpful if you would let me know if you are interested on 07704856005 (email [steve\\_st.andrews@btinternet.com](mailto:steve_st.andrews@btinternet.com)). Otherwise just feel free to turn up at the first rehearsal.

*Steve Stammers*

### POSADA FIGURES

#### **Posada (from the Spanish word for “hotel or inn”)**

There will be a Mary, Joseph and donkey group travelling from home to home in Bredfield from Advent until Christmas Eve this year. The journey re-enacts Mary and Joseph’s search for lodging before the birth of Jesus. If you would be willing to house the weary travellers for the night, please contact Paul Cannard at [paul.j.cannard@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.j.cannard@btinternet.com) or on 07764 532154

### COFFEE AND CAKE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am to 12 pm**

in St Andrew’s Church Room - **ALL WELCOME**



Regular Coffee and Cake mornings will start again in the New Year, on:  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12 pm**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

5.00pm: Carols by  
Candlelight

### **Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

3pm: Crib service

### **Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am: Christmas Day  
Celebration with Holy  
Communion



## CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WALK 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Want to get outside after Christmas for a gentle walk and friendly chat? And burn a few calories?

You are most welcome to join us starting in Church at 10am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December. After a short prayer, we will walk about 2 miles at a gentle pace around the village finishing with refreshments in the Church Room. For those opting not to walk refreshments will be available from when the walkers depart. Footpaths may be muddy so please wear appropriate footwear and dress according to the weather conditions. For further details please ring Roger Ackerley (01394 384805).



Artwork by Florence Seargeant



# POP-UP BAR

**&  
CAROLS**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**6.00 – 10.30PM**

**CAROLS 6.30 – 7.30**

**ALL WELCOME**

**BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND  
ENJOY A NIGHT OUT**



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# POP-UP BAR

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**6.00 – 10.30PM**

**ALL WELCOME**

**BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND  
ENJOY A NIGHT OUT  
CARD PAYMENTS ONLY**

**Bredfield Wildlife-friendly Village**

has produced a 2026 Calendar

***BUTTERFLIES OF BREDFIELD***



These are on sale in the Village Shop.

All the photos are taken in Bredfield.

There are also nature-themed Christmas Cards for sale.

## NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2025

The Poppy arrangements were lovely. Lindsay excelled herself with the Font Display, an Anderson Shelter made with minute details.

Thank you to all those involved, in any way, with service preparations and the service itself.

*Ann Stammers*



*Photos Ann Pilgrim and Ann Stammers*

## DIG FOR VICTORY

Lindsay Marriott's ingenious "Font-Topper" for Remembrance Sunday was based on the Anderson Shelters which many families had in their gardens during the Second World War. Seeing the tiny "Dig For Victory" poster in the display reminded me that Bredfield had made the news in the national press in the early months of the War.

When the War started, it was soon realised that agriculture had been neglected through the thirties: good agricultural land was lying idle and the country was importing 60% of its food. As an island nation this made us very vulnerable, so a "Dig for Victory" campaign was launched, and it seems that our small village was a pioneer in this campaign to bring unused plots of land back into use to grow food. We have probably all heard about pasture land and urban parks being ploughed up to grow cereals and vegetables, and herbaceous borders being turned into cabbage-patches– but the Potatoes from Waste Land scheme was a new one to me. And it started here in Bredfield.

County Councils were charged with setting up "War Agricultural Executive Committees" (known as War Ags) to increase agricultural productivity. Allotment Holders Association came on board with a Grow More Food Campaign, but the real impetus in Suffolk came from an enterprising Ipswich provision merchant, Sir Bunnell Burton, who had the brilliant idea of donating seed potatoes to help the national scheme. He seems to have been a friend of Sir Robert Eaton White of Boulge Hall, who just happened to be Chairman of East Suffolk County Council. They set up a Potato Committee to encourage the cultivation of unused land for growing potatoes (and later other vegetables), giving at least half the produce to hospitals and other institutions.

The campaign was launched at a public meeting in Bredfield School on Saturday 24 February 1940, when Sir Robert challenged local lads aged 10 to 18 to form a boys' club to grow food. 28 boys volunteered, and formed four teams, with a cup to be awarded to the team who produced the best crop. It was envisaged that each team would be allocated an allotment plot of 10 rods. [a rod was 5.5 yards, so 10 square rods were equivalent to about 250 sq metres: each plot being about 5m x 50m]. They called their plots Exeter, Ajax,



Achilles and Suffolk (the first three were the ships involved in the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939; HMS Suffolk was on convoy duty in the North Atlantic and was unofficially adopted by the county of Suffolk).

At the time, there were about 50 pupils at Bredfield village school, which still took children up to the school-leaving age of 14, but over half of them were under 10 years old or were girls, so where did all these 28 boys come from ? Some of them might have been attending the Area School at Wickham Market, or had won scholarships to Grammar School in Woodbridge or Leiston, and some might have been apprentices or working on family farms. Even so, nearly every boy living in Bredfield must have volunteered.

There is no record of how successful the project was, or of which land was used, but the Rev Basil Eden, Rector of Bredfield, was also involved in the local committee, so they might well have used a patch of Glebe land – either the former Rectory kitchen garden next to the school (where David Hepper's house now stands), or the field opposite Chapel Farm, which was certainly still in use as the village allotments until about 1980. Does anyone else have any idea where the wartime allotments were, or know anything about the Boys Club ? Perhaps it all fizzled out when Sir Robert died later in 1940 following a heart attack, and the Rev Eden moved to the Cotswolds in 1942. I would love to find out more.

*Ann Pilgrim*

## **CHURCH STRUCTURAL SURVEY**

We are lucky enough to have a fourteenth Century Grade II\* listed church as a focal point in our village. As Churchwarden, it is my responsibility to make sure it is looked after and kept in good order. One of the ways this is done is through a Quinquennial inspection (every five years) by our church architect. You may have noticed during the last week of November that there has been scaffolding attached to the church. This is because the latest inspection drew attention to a significant crack in the wall at the north-east end and possible issues with the roof.

Therefore, we are having a structural survey carried out to ascertain whether or not anything serious is going on. It will involve the erection of a scaffold tower under the chancel arch inside the church to inspect the roof timbers, as well as an external inspection of sections of the roof using a cherry picker and further scaffolding. In addition, a series of inspection pits will be dug to check the drainage situation to see whether this has any bearing on the crack. This survey is costing in the region of an initial £8000. When it is complete, we will know if further remedial works need to be carried out to preserve the building and, if this is the case, some serious fundraising will need to take place. Fingers crossed it won't come to that. I will let you know the results of the survey in the next Lantern.

*Steve Stammers*

## **BREDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT NOVEMBER 2025**

### **Devolution Vote**

The government consultation is seeking views on the proposals submitted by councils for the reorganisation of local government in Norfolk and Suffolk. For Suffolk there are two proposals, a single unitary council for the whole of Suffolk or three unitary councils – Western, Central & Eastern (which includes Bredfield), Ipswich & Southern.

The consultation can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-norfolk-and-suffolk>

### **NHS Visit to Charsfield**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February between 10:30 and 1pm the NHS are running an informal Nutrition, Health and Wellbeing advice session at Charsfield Village Hall.

This is part of a new initiative to cover smaller Suffolk villages.

Free tea, coffee and soup! No need to book.

Transport can be arranged (more information nearer the time).

### **30mph Road Markings**

As part of the Parish Council's traffic calming measures 30mph roundels have been painted on the roads into Bredfield.

### **Woodbridge**

Suffolk Highways are proposing to make changes to traffic flows in Woodbridge.

Principally:

- To reverse traffic flow along the Thoroughfare.  
On the grounds that this will reduce the number of delivery vehicles using Market Hill.
- Restrict or change the traffic flow down Cumberland Street.  
To support the greater good.

A survey and further details can be found here.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/c3f3a4ad5ddf454f82f2f89d5a4b1c43?item=1>

### **Changes to Bin Collection in 2026**

During 2026 East Suffolk will be changing bin collections in Bredfield.

Everyone will receive a new full-size wheelie bin and a caddy bin.

We will then have wheelie bins for:

- Paper and Card
- Plastics, Metal, Tetra Paks and Glass
- General Rubbish
- Garden Waste (if paid for).

Each of these bins will be collected once every 3 weeks, rather than on the present two-week cycle.

The small caddy bin is for food waste and will be collected every week.

### **Next Meeting**

The next full Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30 in the village hall.

Please contact the Parish Clerk by the 12<sup>th</sup> December if you would like to raise an issue for the Parish Council to discuss / resolve. Alternatively, members of the public have the opportunity to raise items with at the start of each meeting.

*Nik Bestow*

## AN INTERVIEW WITH... JAMES KING



*Photo: James King*

Many of us associate the dark days of winter with hunkering down to watch a good (or not so good) film. Very few of us, though, get the chance to make a career out of it. But one person who grew up in Bredfield and who still has close ties to the village did just that: James King.

James is perhaps best known as a film critic, with a regular slot on BBC Radio 2, but he is much more than that: he is a presenter on both radio and TV, a writer of several books, and a journalist. Although, naturally modest, he thought he was probably best known in Bredfield for opening the church fete in 2024!

He grew up in Bredfield and during his teens became fascinated by both radio and film, teaching himself as much as he could about films, and listening avidly to the radio while dreaming of becoming a presenter.

He studied Film and Literature at Warwick University, which had its own radio station and to which he was naturally and immediately drawn. The students were given great freedom to do what they liked, and it proved to be a great training ground for his career. He credits it with being just as important a part of his education as attending lectures and writing essays, but much more fun. So much fun, in fact, that he admits to having bunked off lectures to do it! After post-graduate studies in Broadcast Journalism and holiday jobs at Radio Suffolk, James was able to launch his career combining his two passions and is still doing it – and still loving it – 30 years later.

So, why radio and not television, which one would imagine fitted better with film? Because for him, live radio is fun and very exciting. Television is much more likely to be recorded than live, and the jeopardy of performing live on radio gives him energy. He admits, though, that a lot of his energy also comes

from coffee! Paradoxically, he also finds radio more relaxing as there is less fuss, no worry about what to wear: you just go into the studio and do your job. James particularly loves shows that combine music with chat. He is aware that people often have that kind of programme on in the background as an accompaniment to their day rather than something they sit and concentrate on as they might with a television programme. He loves being a part of that, making him feel almost part of people's family. He was delighted when a listener told him that she was always in the kitchen preparing food when he came on and how much she enjoyed having that routine.

It would be impossible to review all the films that come out, so James chooses 4 or 5 out of the 6 or so that typically come out every Friday. He looks at the storyline and acting and will choose it if he thinks it will work for the film's target audience – even if it might not actually be a very good film – and if it's a film he feels he would like to champion. He is also drawn to films that might need more of a helping hand, such as a low-budget British film rather than the latest Pixar release. He decided a while ago never to review a film he really did not like. He doesn't like to slate films, as he is aware that a film is so much more than what is on the screen: the livelihoods of a lot of people are at stake if a film doesn't do well. He knows that some people consider this to be a cop-out, but he has solid reasons for behaving with decency. He is also very conscious that his review is only his personal opinion and that others may have a very different one.

What does James look for in a film? He likes to be entertained, surprised and for there to be some message, not a sermon or necessarily an earth-shattering truth, but the film must have something to say. He does not like a predictable storyline or structure, which he finds lazy.

These days, he doesn't always need to go to a cinema to watch a film – he is often sent links to watch at home or he finds new releases on streaming services – but there are times when he feels he needs to watch a film on the big screen and will travel to Leicester Square for a journalists' preview showing. But even there, he never quite gets the full cinema experience, as there is little atmosphere in a cinema with just a handful of other journalists, or even on his own, trying to write notes in the dark and missing out on the moments when an audience reacts as one to something on screen.

Being able to watch films at home now allows him to spend more time in Suffolk. Neither he nor his wife work 9 to 5 jobs, so when their free time does coincide, that time is precious, and they find Suffolk to be the perfect place to

be together. During the pandemic, he was forced to slow down and have a (by his own admission) much-needed rest and re-set, which led to him taking up gardening. He describes it as “an enjoyable burden” and claims to be in a “constant state of pleasant frustration” with the lawn, as it always seems to be either too dry to keep it green or too wet to use the mower on it! So, does the film critic have a favourite film? He slightly sheepishly admitted that it is ‘Grease’. He knows it is not the greatest film ever made, but he loved it as he was growing up, and it was one of the films that inspired him to choose his career. And yes, he does know all the words and, yes, he will still sing along and dance whenever he watches it!

*Interviewed by Julie Crabb and Alison Cannard*

***If you would like James’s help in choosing which Christmas films to watch this year, tune into his show ‘The A-Z of Christmas Films’ on BBC Sounds and Radio over the festive season.***

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

#### **November 2025**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	No. 10 Y. Woods
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	No. 45 T. Richardson

### **PLANT STALL FOR CHURCH FABRIC REPAIRS**

Thank you so much to all the contributors and purchasers. It is totally amazing how much can be raised from 50p here and 75p there. As already published, £242.40 was given to the Gift to Go Green Scheme at the end of June, towards new church heating. As a result this was doubled to £484.80. Wow! The congregation is now starting to feel the benefits of the warmth provided. Since then, donations have achieved another £151.80. This is being used to help towards forthcoming structural survey of the church.

## NATURE NOTES

Bredfield lacks woodland, but it doesn't lack trees. We have woodland on the margins of the parish – Ufford Thicks and Dallinghoo Wood – but none wholly within the parish boundary. Our trees grow along the side of roads, by ditches, in isolated copses and in gardens. In this month's Nature Notes, we are going to take a short tour around a few of Bredfield's notable trees. When you're reading this, the leaves will be off the deciduous tree, but they are still magnificent in their 'bare bones'.

Before we begin, it is worth noting that trees outside woodland make up 30% of the nation's tree cover. They do not provide quite the same rich ecosystem habitat that woodland does, but: they still provide food and shelter for nature; they still improve air quality and mitigate against flooding; and they still enhance the landscape. Let's have a look at some of our trees.

When you turn off the A12 to Bredfield, onto the Woodbridge Road, a towering tree is standing there – a Lombardy Poplar. These are trees that you would expect to see lining the Italianate entrance to a large estate, but this one is standing alone. Lombardy Poplar is closely related to an iconic, but now



*Lombardy Poplar*

sadly rare, tree of the British landscape – the Black Poplar. This is the tree you'll see in the centre of Constable's Haywain. It is a tree of wet meadows but, as these have largely disappeared, so have the trees. In addition, female Black Poplars became unpopular and were felled, because of the nuisance of their sticky cotton-like seeds. There is now a hugely disproportionate number of male trees to female trees; and you need both to propagate. Walk behind St Andrew's church and you'll soon come to five Black Poplars lining a ditch. However, I suspect that these may not be pure native trees, but Hybrid Black Poplars (*Populus x canadensis*). I'd love to know if I'm wrong! These hybrids

have been planted widely for utility values, and these females don't have those unwanted sticky seeds.

Bredfield has numerous large English Oaks (*Quercus robur*). If you're standing in the field behind the church, and look north towards to Ivy Lodge Farm, you'll see a wonderful example standing behind the gardens there. There's another magnificent specimen by Suffolk Yurts. There are lots more Oaks around the village, including two commemorative trees planted in front of and behind the Village Hall. It will take many years before these attain the stature of 'mighty Oaks'. At the north-end of the village, on the Village Green, stands a beautiful Red Oak. This is a North American species (*Quercus rubra*) and famed for its glorious autumn colour.



Those who have visited the Bredfield Fete in the private grounds of the Old Rectory, will have noticed a number of interesting conifers there. Standing tall amongst these, and visible from the road, is a Cedar of Lebanon. It has a layered appearance and a characteristic flat top. This species of tree has great cultural significance, not least in the country which bears its name. The cedar is the emblem of Lebanon and sits centrally on its flag. High on the slopes of the mountains in Lebanon is the 'Cedars of God', a grove of ancient trees that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Anyway, we're wandering a long way from Bredfield.

Finally, we should mention the Ash. A good number of these trees grow around the village and one of the finest and well-managed examples stands outside the house of the editor of this Lantern magazine. One of the



distinctive features of Ash are the mass of winged fruits, or 'keys', that develop in late-summer and autumn. Sadly, we have witnessed the prevalence of 'Ash dieback' in recent years; a fungus causing trees to lose their leaves and die. Ash dieback threatens the loss of the majority of Ash trees, with a significant and adverse impact on our landscape. However, research by the Forestry Commission indicates that the devastation of Britain's Ash trees may now be slowing. Dr Joan Webber, from the Forestry Commission, says: "We are, in many parts of Britain, now past the peak and seeing a natural resistance emerging." Fingers crossed!



I think we're now running out of room in this article and have only touched upon a fraction of the trees that grow in and around Bredfield. Perhaps we'll return in a later Nature Notes to look at the Limes which front the churchyard, the Field Maples in our hedges, the Beeches, the Sycamores, the Willows, the Firs, and all the rest. In the meantime, look out for, and take delight in, all the trees that we are lucky to have in the village.

*Stewart Belfield*      <https://bredfieldwfv.org.uk>  
(Photos of Bredfield trees taken by the author)



## SEASONAL RECIPE FROM THE VILLAGE SHOP

We are at the height of the Sprout Season! Here are two quick recipes for sprouts, proving that they are a vegetable to be celebrated and enjoyed!

### SPROUTS WITH HAZELNUTS AND BACON

1kg Brussels sprouts

250g back bacon, chopped

25g butter

75g hazelnuts

Steam the sprouts for 5 mins., melt the butter in a frying pan and fry the bacon and nuts until lightly browned. Add the sprouts, and toss to combine. Continue to cook for 2 minutes, and serve at once.

### SPROUT OMELETTE

1 tblsp rapeseed or olive oil

Knob of butter

100g sprouts, sliced thinly

1 red pepper, sliced thinly

4 eggs, beaten

Salt and pepper

1 tblsp fresh chopped parsley

Heat the oil and butter together in a frying pan, and add the sprouts and red pepper. Cook for just 2 minutes then add the eggs. Scatter over the seasoning and the parsley. Cook the omelette until just set, fold over and finish cooking on a low heat. Serve at once, with crusty bread and broccoli spears.

Both these recipes leave the sprouts crunchy and bright green, retaining all their vitamins and minerals, and looking colourful and attractive. Great for keeping winter illnesses at bay! All ingredients are available in the shop.



**With Christmas approaching, do place any orders for produce, to ensure we have plenty in stock - mince pies, clementines, cheeses, cream, sausages and other meats, cranberries, and anything else required - especially sprout stalks!**

*Kate Pirkis*

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### St Andrew's, Bredfield

Rector: Rev Charles Trefusis

Churchwarden: Stephen Stammers

For all enquiries regarding St Andrew's, contact Steve Stammers on:

[churchwardens.bredfield@gmail.com](mailto:churchwardens.bredfield@gmail.com) or 07704 856005

St John's church office on 01394 383162 or [info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk](mailto:info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk)

For information about the Benefice of St John's and St Andrew's go to

[www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk](http://www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk)

**Bredfield Village Shop** opening times: Monday – Saturday 9.30-12.30

**Mobile Library: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 12.05-12.30 Village Hall car park. No mobile library visit in early January.**

[suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/mobile-library-stop/bredfield-village-hall/](http://suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/mobile-library-stop/bredfield-village-hall/)

**Want to know what's happening in the village? Check out the website**

**<http://bredfield.onesuffolk.net>**

**For regular info updates- join our MailChimp email group. Email Anne Henderson -**

**[henny@dircon.co.uk](mailto:henny@dircon.co.uk) and she will add you to the MailChimp list**

**Want to know about the Village Hall and Bredfield Wildlife Friendly Village – check**

**out <https://www.bredfieldvillagehall.org.uk>**

**<https://bredfieldwfv.org.uk>**

### BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE

This is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. It operates in confidence, does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you. Please contact: Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

### PARISH GIVING SCHEME – St Andrew's

This is a simple and secure online way for churches to receive donations in support of their work and upkeep. It accepts both one-off donations and the setting up of a regular commitment. To make a donation please click on the QR code. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



**Please send contributions for the FEBRUARY LANTERN to Alison Cannard at [lantern.bredfield@gmail.com](mailto:lantern.bredfield@gmail.com) , 01473 737707 by 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

## DECEMBER / JANUARY SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion 'The angels' plea for peace'	9.15am
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Service of the Word 'The shepherds' joy'	9.15am
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carols by Candlelight	<u>5.00pm</u>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS EVE	Crib Service	<u>3.00pm</u>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS DAY	Christmas Day Celebration and Holy Communion	<u>10.00am</u>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	No service at St Andrew's	-
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 EPIPHANY	Holy Communion	9.15am
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Service of the Word	9.15am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion	9.15am
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Service of the Word	9.15am
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Candlemass Service	<u>3.00pm</u>

## DIARY DATES AT A GLANCE

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Mobile Library
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee and Cake Christmas party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pop-up Bar and Christmas Carols
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Sunday Walk
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee and Cake morning
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee and Cake morning
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Pop-up Bar

