

# Church News December 2023/January 2024

## *Great & Little Tey*

As Christmas approaches we very much hope you will come and celebrate with us. We think there is something for everyone in the run up to Christmas.

### Services during December and January

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00am Morning Worship (Chappel) <b>Preacher Bishop Roger</b> 10.00am <b>Gift Service</b> (Little Tey) <b>4.00pm Christingle Service</b> (Great Tey)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am Benefice Communion (Little Tey)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>3.15pm Carol Service</b> (Chappel) <b>6.30pm Carol Service</b> (Great Tey) <b>6.30pm Carol Service</b> (Little Tey)
24 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am Morning Worship (Chappel) <b>4.00pm Crib Service for everyone</b> (Little Tey)
25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10.00am Christmas Day Family Communion</b> (Great Tey)
31 <sup>st</sup> December	No services in the Benefice
7 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am <b>Epiphany</b> Morning Worship (Wakes Colne) 10.00 am <b>Plough Service</b> (Little Tey)
14th January	10.00 am Benefice Communion (Great Tey)
21st January	10.00 am Morning - Worship (Great Tey)
28th January	10.00 am Benefice Communion (Wakes Colne) 6.30 pm Evensong (Little Tey)

### Christingle celebration

We hope to see families joining us for this celebration marking the arrival of the Christ child bringing good news for the whole world. We give all the children an orange with a candle to remind us all that we are part of a world community and we all share the planet's bounty.

**Children of all ages with parents and grandparents are warmly invited to attend. There will be a retiring collection for to a charity which works for disadvantaged children around the world.**

### Gift Service at Little Tey

During this Service, gifts suitable for young adult girls, 16-21, are collected to be given to a charity that helps these young people. If anyone who can't be there and has anything suitable, please email Freda King, [fredaking100@gmail.com](mailto:fredaking100@gmail.com).

### Christmas Day

Our service of Communion and Carols at Great Tey, is intended for all the family, not too long with lots of well known carols. Everyone is very welcome to come and celebrate an important birthday with us.

## **Plough Sunday**

Plough Sunday is a traditional English celebration of the beginning of the agricultural year. Plough Sunday celebrations usually involve bringing a ploughshare into a church, as happens in Little Tey, with prayers for the blessing of the land. It is traditionally held on the Sunday after Epiphany, the Sunday between 7 January and 13 January. Accordingly, work in the fields did not begin until the day after Plough Sunday: Plough Monday. Although the nature of farming has changed over the centuries, Plough Sunday is seen as a way of generally celebrating farming and the work of farmers.

## **FUNDRAISING EVENTS– THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP in 2023**

The village has been fantastic in the support it has given to all the events we have organised this year, everything from Pop Up Teas to Punch and Judy shows! We hope we have generated some fun along the way. The organisers have certainly enjoyed themselves! Here's to more of the same next year!