

OUSDEN NEWSLETTER



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Ousden Village Hall & Playing Fields (registered charity 304932)



The village hall committee is busy preparing for the Festive Bingo event to be held at the hall on Saturday 6th December, from 3pm to 5pm. Please support us, whether you have never played bingo or you are a seasoned player, it will be a fun time for all ages, all generations, family friendly, new to village, on your own or bring a crowd!

The Annual General meeting took place on 11th November, thanks to all who attended. Exciting news, we have a number of new faces on the committee which is fantastic and most welcome as we prepare for a new incoming hall. We will let you know when we hear from our lottery application but fingers are firmly crossed.

You can support our new hall fund through our village lottery held quarterly, donations through our website and the easyfundraising app, details for all of these can be found under New Hall Lottery/Donations on our website www.ousdenvillagehall.org.uk

By popular demand we have extended our monthly Sunday Cafe Stop, the next one being November 30th 10-12. We will then break for Christmas and start up again in 2026! Lookout for further details on our Facebook page 'Ousden Village'.

We now are planning our events for 2026, if you have any requests please send them to Ousden.vh@gmail.com, for consideration.

Hope to see you all at our festive bingo event. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Celia Holt on behalf of the Ousden Village Hall Committee

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*Quiz Nights
Bingo
Coffee Mornings*

Opening Times
*Monday – Sunday
12.00pm – 11.00pm*

Meals Served

Wednesday, Thursday	Sunday Roast
Friday & Saturday	12.00pm - 3.30pm
12.00pm—8.00pm	

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FESTIVE CHOCOLATE BINGO

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER
3pm - 5pm

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MINCE PIES AND DRINKS

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Ousden Website !

For more information on news and events please visit:

www.ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk

Or look up
Ousden Village Facebook Page



Christmas Events

**Christmas Dinner
every Sunday in December
starting**

Sunday 7th December

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Festive OAP Lunch

10th & 11th December

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**Party Night
Chelsea Francis (Abba Tribute)**

13th December

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Christmas Quiz

17th December

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Christmas Draw Night

20th December





St Peter's & St Barnabas

Events

Please join us for Carols by Candlelight, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at St Peter's on Sunday 21st December.

St Barnabas

We have been busy carrying out maintenance on St Barnabas, getting the gutters cleared out and a new water butt installed ready for the Winter.

We have also after a long process created a new Garden of Remembrance at St Barnabas which allows for the burial of ashes.

Christmas Toy Appeal - Gatehouse BSE

This year Bansfield Benefice are again supporting Gatehouse in Bury St Edmunds to bring some Christmas cheer to local people in need. We are arranging to take presents to Gatehouse and support their Christmas project. Please bring your presents to the Sunday services at either Stansfield on the 30th November, or Oudsen on the 7th December.

The Gatehouse ask that the presents are

- newly bought
- unwrapped
- no soft toys.

For more information on their work please see <http://www.gatehouse.org.uk/christmas-project/>

Trevor Harris & Nicola Nunn

Bansfield Benefice

Carol Services



Lidgate

7th December - 3.00pm

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21st December - 5.00pm

Cowlinge

21st December - 5.30pm

Wickhambrook

23rd December - 6.30pm

Stansfield

24th December—5.00pm

Did you know the annual cost of running both St Peter's & St Barnabas is approximately £11,000 per year

If you would like to make a donation towards keeping these beautiful & historic buildings open and enjoyed by all, the QR code below can be used to make a donation which will be used to carry out necessary repairs and running costs.



Thank you

Bansfield Benefice Services

(10.00am - Holy Communion unless otherwise stated)

7th December Stradishall

14th December Lidgate

18th December - 6.00pm Wickhambrook
Christingle Service

21st December Denston

25th December Cowlinge

28th December **OUSDEN**

Please note these are subject to change, always check the website for up to date details: www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/services or use the QR code



WHATS ON IN OUSDEN

Dates for your Diary.....

Village Hall

Sunday 30 November
Café Stop - 10am -12pm

Saturday 6th December
Festive Chocolate Bingo

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Mobile Library

20th December

Village Hall – 10.35am-11.05am
Church - 11.10am-11.25am

The Fox

OAP Christmas Lunch

10th & 11th December

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Party Night Chelsea Francis (Abba Tribute)

13th December

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Christmas Quiz

17th December

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Christmas Draw

20th December

- 2026 -

Quiz Night

14th January

OAP Lunch

15th January

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