

All Saints Turvey
Christmas Newsletter

December / January 2016



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Advent Sunday 27th November at 5pm:



CHELLINGTON TEAM MINISTRY

From The Parishes of

Carlton, Harrold, Harrold URC, Odell, Podington, Stevington, Turvey,
Wymington

A Warm Welcome to join us for
A Service of Readings and Carols for Advent
From Darkness to Light

St Mary's Church, Stevington
Sunday, 27th November at 5pm

It is our first joint service with the other parishes in the Chellington Team and, if you haven't done so already, a lovely opportunity to meet Jacqueline and Peter as well as Stevingtonians and people from all around our team. It will be a chance to really sing out together! Look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Lunch Club Friday 2nd December

12.30pm in the Village Hall.

All welcome! Join us for a lovely Christmas lunch and great company to kick off the Christmas season!



Saturday 3rd December: Christmas Market and Bazaar 2-4pm, in Turvey Village Hall

Please make a date in your diary for our annual fundraising event. A one-stop shop opportunity for your Christmas shopping, whilst supporting fundraising for All Saints church. A wide range of stalls including Usborne books, Phoenix stationery, jewellery, handicrafts, cakes, preserves, face painting, new and nearly new toys and books, holly, raffle, tombola, FAST Christmas cards, Christmas decorations, games and activities for all the family plus refreshments.

Admission: 50p, children free.

There is a box at the back of the church for donations if you have items to contribute to any of our stalls, or bring on the morning. We particularly need donations for the following stalls: Adult's and Children's Lucky Dips; nearly new toys and games; DVDs; Puzzles; Books; Raffle Prizes; Cakes (to be delivered to the Village Hall on the morning of 3rd Dec please). Enquiries: contact Jacqui Darrington on 881566. A list of stalls is included in the flyer sitting in pews in Church – take it home and see what you can donate!



Little Lights (under 5 year olds) We meet once a month in church from 9.30-11.00, have a story and have some fun singing and making things. We end with a drink and a snack. This gives everyone an opportunity to meet other families with young children. It is all very informal. Our next dates are: **Friday, 9 December**, 13 January (£1 donation towards craft materials and snack)



Children's Workshop - hope you can join us. Children will be able to move around the church and choose from a range of activities: making Christmas cards, decorating Christmas biscuits, making angels and musical instruments to decorate the church, constructing a Christmas Scene, making Christingles, playdough, puzzles etc. We finish with a few Christmas songs.

Saturday, 10 December 2.00-4.00pm (£4 per family)

Sunday 11th December: Christingle service 11am.



Tuesday 13th December 2.00 p.m.: Turvey Lower School Nativity Play in Church.

Saturday 17th December 5.00.p.m: Carol Singing around the tree on Lancelot's Piece. Bring a lantern or a torch all welcome

Sunday 18th December 6pm: Carol Service 9 Lessons and Carols



Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th December 7.00.pm: Carol singing around the village in aid of the Children's Society with the choir of All Saints. Meet at the Cross.



Decorating the Church for Christmas:

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on **Thursday 22nd December**. If you would like to help or give a donation towards the cost of flowers in memory of a loved one, then please contact Jacqui Darrington 881566.

Christmas Eve 24th December:

Nativity Crib Service at 4pm...

Meet in Church.

Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm.



Lunch Club Jan 6th 12.30pm. We resume our usual monthly Lunch club in January. All welcome.

Little Lights Friday 13th January 9.30-11am: Meet in Church

LOVE LIFE LIVE ADVENT

A very useful and fulfilling little booklet – ask your Church Warden for more details.

We also have an Advent book for children – please ask Rosemary.

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale

Advent / December and January services at All Saints Church:

Advent Sunday 27th November:

11am - Parish Eucharist – Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Jo Spray.

5pm - Chellington Team Service in St Mary the Virgin, Stevington.

Sunday 4th December: **11am Parish Eucharist** – Revd. Jacqueline Curtis.

Evensong at 6pm TBA

Sunday 11th December: **11am Christingle Service.** Revd. Jo Spray.

Sunday 18th December: **11am Family Service. Eucharist.** Revd. Jacqueline Curtis

6pm Carol Service – 9 Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December:

4pm - Christmas Eve Crib Service in Church. Revd. Jacqueline Curtis.

11.30pm - Midnight Eucharist. Rev. Jacqueline Curtis.

Sunday 25th December: **10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist.** Revd Christine Clark, Assistant Rural Dean.

Sunday 1st January: **11.00am Parish Eucharist.** Revd. Jacqueline Curtis **The Naming of Jesus**

6.00. p.m Evensong

Sunday 8th January: **11.00am Parish Eucharist.** Revd. Peter Turnbull. **Epiphany**

Sunday 15th January: 11am Family Service.

6pm Evensong TBA

Sunday 22nd January: 11am Parish Eucharist.

Sunday 29th January: 11am Service (TBA Eucharist or Morning Prayer)

Please check Church Notice Board and our website for latest details:

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For services at churches within the Chellington Team please see the 'This Week' notice board in church.....as we join together in our communication, and establish a services 'rota' across the eight churches, we will give more detail of all services within the Team.

Events in Team Chellington:

ST. MARY'S Christmas Bazaar: 10am until 1pm on Saturday 26th November in Carlton Village Hall. Stalls selling seasonal goods and we are even expecting a visit from Father Christmas himself. Admission is £1 on the door. Refreshments for sale during the morning.

**Saturday 3rd December
Children's Baking Morning**
In aid of the
Children's Society
At St Mary's Stevington.



Carols on the Green Saturday 3rd December, on Harrold Village Green at 4.30pm. Rev'd John Weaver, Rev'd Jacqueline Curtis and Rev'd Peter Turnbull.
Refreshments kindly provided by Harrold Scout Group

Lou Fellingham Christmas Concert – Harrold URC on Saturday 10th December at 7pm. Tickets £8.50.
HarroldURCEvents@gmail.com

Christingle Services:

Sunday 4th December 3pm: Christingle (in aid of The Children's Society) at St Marys, Stevington

Monday 5th December 4.30pm at the Chellington Centre - Rev'd J. Curtis and P. Turnbull

Sunday 18th December 4pm at St. Peter's Church, Harrold – Rev'd Peter Turnbull

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm: St. Mary's, Carlton are holding their Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

**Sunday 18th December 9.30am:** The Bishop of Bedford will be taking the service at 9.30 at Wymington church, and 11.00 at Podington church

**An invitation from Leavesden - Leavesden tree festival** - between December 13-17th we are holding a Christmas Tree Festival on the theme of 'Living God's Love' which we have planned as a community project in the Leavesden / Garston / Watford area with the express purpose of providing a platform for local schools, churches of all denominations, community organisations, local businesses and families to come together and by sponsoring and decorating a real Christmas tree, clearly show to festival visitors the way in which they carry out Gods work in our community.

With over 30 decorated real Christmas Trees celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, in such a beautiful Church setting as All Saints Leavesden, we are hoping that this initiative will bring all the local community organisations into an even closer working relationship especially with so many new and extensive housing developments springing up within our parish boundary or very close by.

We would be delighted if our friends from All Saints' Turvey might be able to find time to visit us during the festival, even though we are only too aware that it is a long journey for you from the very north of the diocese. With Very Best Wishes, Peter Dawson. (Church Warden). If you would like more details please contact Sharon Tew or see the 'This Week' notice board in Church.

## **ADVENT STUDY GROUP**

**An Ecumenical Study Group is being held in Turvey Abbey for Advent. Starting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. We will be prayerfully studying the Gospel for the following Sunday. All welcome.**



## Flower Arranging Rota 2017

The rota will be on the boards in the porch as soon as possible in the New Year, once I know when all the weddings are! Please sign up ~ if we all do a little it is not too onerous. If you have never arranged at All Saints before and would like a little support please contact Jacqui Darrington  
881566



### COFFEE MORNINGS

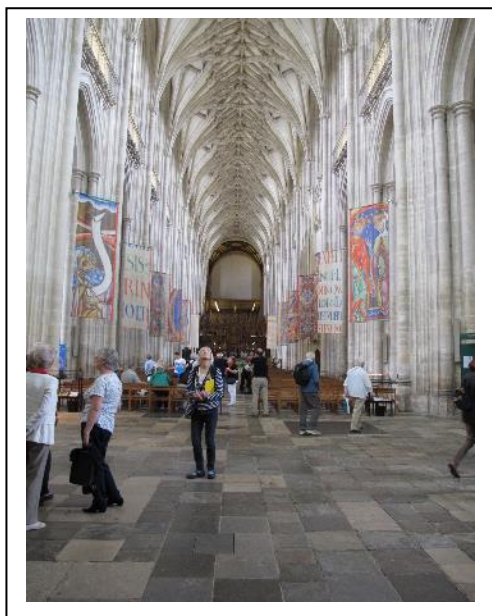
A big thank you to Barton Royal Homes who raised a magnificent £265 towards church funds at the November Coffee Morning!

**There will be no Coffee Morning in December as hopefully everyone, will be going to the Christmas Bazaar! Our regular coffee mornings start again on 14th January - Details later.**

**If any of you would like to host a coffee morning, please sign the notice on the church notice board or ring Anne Claypole White (881661).**

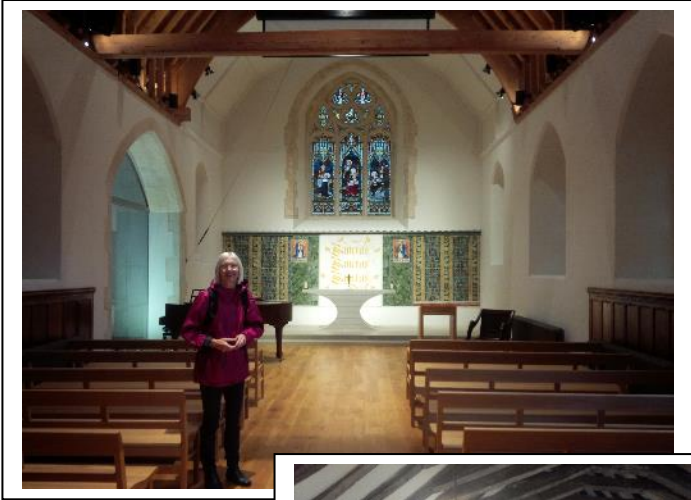
## Bike and Hike

Many of you may think that the Bike and Hike each year in September is simply walking or cycling around as many of our local churches as you can to raise money for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and our own Church. Not so! It is an opportunity to visit any church – either in our own community, diocese, or anywhere ...some of our congregation visited a little further afield....

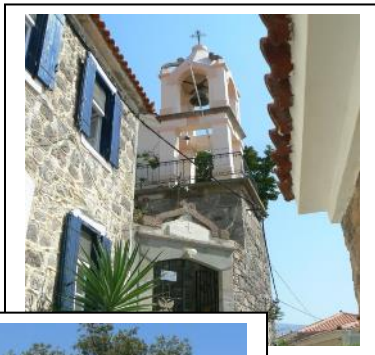
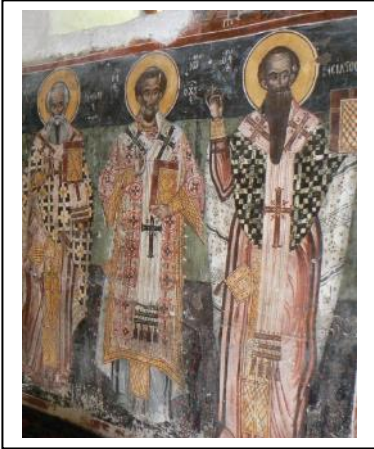


Wendy and Chris Knell, unable to visit churches local to Turvey visited those in Winchester on foot instead...

'It rained most of the day but we had a warm welcome in all the churches. People told their stories and listened to ours'

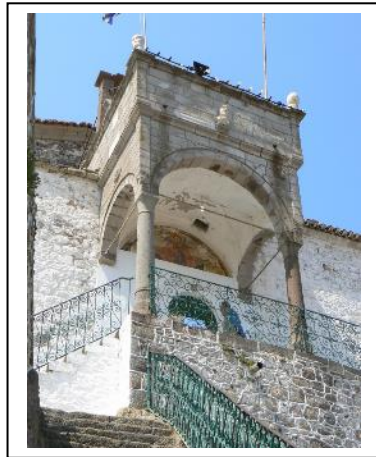


**Paul Goddard was on the delightful island of Lesbos at the time of the Bike and Hike, so instead he visited churches, chapels and ‘calvaries’ on foot, in the areas of Anaxos, Petra, Ligonas and Molivos....**



Some of the churches and chapels were not easy to find, perched high on hills among closely huddled buildings ...some looked quite ordinary on the outside but spectacular inside...





We can only give a tiny flavour of these wonderful visits so please take a look at the photo board in church!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Chris Wendy and Paul. They raised the magnificent sum of £435.00 which will be further increased by the addition of Gift Aid. Half the money raised will go to All Saints Church and the other to Beds and Herts Historic churches Trust which offers grants for church repair projects.

## BeCHaR

Please remember the homeless this Christmas - and the great work that BeCHaR does to support them particularly at this time. Please give any food or clothing donations to Heather Whelbourn or leave in church labelled for Heather.

### Important Information

If you require a pastoral visit from your Clergy, or know anyone who is ill in hospital or at home who does please contact either Jacqueline or Peter on 01234 720961, email: [chellingonteam@gmail.com](mailto:chellingonteam@gmail.com) or call in at Church house, 3 the Moor, Carlton.

### Family list of contacts

Jacqueline and Peter are hoping to compile a 'Family List' of all those who attend our Churches across the Chellington Team and those who, for whatever reason, no longer are able to attend. Sheets are in the Churches – please can you complete and return to Church House, 3 The Moor at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

### Newsletter February 2017

The deadline for the February Newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



## **True Christian Christmas**

Christmas isn't showy gifts  
Or glittering decoration;  
It's honoring our Savior,  
Jesus Christ  
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less  
fortunate,  
Meeting their needs before  
our own;  
It's making sure at  
Christmas time  
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would  
have spent  
On things that no one needs,  
And using it to help someone  
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live  
With charity, faith and service.  
It makes the holidays a joy,  
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is  
About our Savior's birth;  
That's the way to happiness,  
The way to peace on earth.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

*A Merry Christmas from All Saints Turvey*