

All Saints, Turvey

Newsletter

March 2017

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

It is now three months since the parish of All Saints, Turvey became a player in "Team Chellington" - more properly known as "The Chellington Team Benefice" and we are learning to adjust to the changes which such a transformation brings. Change is sometimes difficult to accept but, for the life of the church and its pivotal role in our community here in Turvey, we should welcome it with optimism for future generations and for growth in Christian fellowship beyond our own parish boundaries.

Our two priests, Jacqueline and Peter are enthusiastic about the future of the entire Team and are working tirelessly to make a success of it. It is a huge challenge for them and there is no "quick fix" but they are determined to exercise their ministry by spreading their energies as evenly as they can throughout the Team. At the beginning of April, a rota will be introduced with the rationale of ensuring that, as far as possible, each of them will lead a Sunday service in each of the churches within the Team every week. The rota will run for a trial period of 12 months and, so far as All Saints is concerned, the only major change in our present pattern of services is that, on the 1st Sunday of every month, a 9.30 a.m. Family Service will be introduced in place of an 11.00 a.m. service.

The south aisle roof project is now in its tenth month, albeit in its final throes, and we can soon look forward to "resumption of normal service." The Heritage Lottery Fund's grant is substantial and very welcome but their scheme does not provide for a grant which covers the full cost but a percentage of it. Thanks to the generosity of the village community in supporting their fundraising events, Friends of All Saints Turvey, (FAST) has been able to contribute £35,000 to the project. In recognition of this, we plan to hold a Thanksgiving Service on 11th June (Trinity Sunday) at 6pm to which all are very welcome and following which some light refreshment will be available.

Please make a note in your diaries now - although we will be publicising it throughout the village nearer the date - after all it's your church and without your generosity we would have been hard pressed to raise the funds to carry out the project. Let's all celebrate together as we open another chapter in the thousand year history of All Saints Turvey and look ahead.

Rod Petty

Church Notices for March:

Coffee Mornings

March coffee morning will be on **Saturday 11th March**

10.30 a.m. - 12 noon at Holmwood House, High Street, Turvey
by kind invitation of Richard and Judith Bray.

There will be a raffle and bring and buy for which contributions, especially of cakes, would be very welcome.

Last month's coffee morning raised £285.10 towards Church funds - surely a record?

A big thank you to Rod and Carol Petty for hosting the event. A good time was had by all!



Lunch Club

March Lunch Club will be on Friday 10th March at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

All are welcome. Come along and enjoy great food and excellent company!

April Lunch Club will be on Friday 7th April.

Little Lights

Little Lights will meet in church on the following Friday mornings, starting at 9.30am: **10th March, 12th May**. We will not have a separate meeting in April as Little Lights are invited to attend the Easter Workshop. Summer dates to follow in the next newsletter, as we may need to change the dates because of weddings in church.

Children's Easter Workshop



We will be holding an Easter Workshop in Church on **Saturday 8th April, 2pm – 4pm**, which offers children and young people some exciting craft, story-telling and singing activities. Children under 5 years to be accompanied by an adult please. There will be a charge of £4 per family towards the cost of craft materials. Come and join us for a happy, relaxed and fun afternoon.

Mothering Sunday - Sunday 26th March 11am

Join us for an **interactive Mothering Sunday family service** with well-known songs and hymns; learn about the history of Mothering Sunday and celebrate all that our mothers and carers provide.

Please feel free to bring along a non-returnable photocopy (if you have not done so in previous years) of your mother / carer to add to our collage. Let's celebrate all that our mothers and carers provide!



Easter Lilies

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 15th April. Donations for Lilies in memory of a loved one may be given to Jacqui Darrington or placed in an envelope and given to a church warden. If you would like to help decorate the church contact Jacqui – 881566

Bedford Salvation Army

We are collecting clothing and bric-a-brac for the Bedford Salvation Army shop. Please place in a bag and let Heather know 01234 881728 if you wish it to be collected or bring to church and give to Heather.

The Salvation Army do a fantastic job for the homeless and every little helps in raising much needed funds! Imagine if we all gave just one item of clothing how much we could provide for the shop to sell? Please help...

Parish Electoral Roll

The roll is revised each year before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

From Sunday 12th March the electoral roll will be available for revision for 3 weeks. A copy of the roll can be found on the Tithe table near the entrance to the church.

Please check that your name is included and that we have your current address. If you would like your name added to the roll, or there are any amendments necessary, please contact Paul Gentry on 881637 or speak to a Church Warden.

Services at All Saints Turvey for March 2017

1st March Purple	Ash Wednesday	Rev. Jacqueline Curtis		Communion	7.30 pm
5th March Purple	1st Sunday of Lent	Rev. Peter Turnbull	1st	Parish Eucharist	11 am
		Lay Leader		Evensong	6 pm
12th March Purple	2nd Sunday of Lent	Rev. Jo Spray	2nd	Parish Eucharist	11 am
19th March Purple	3rd Sunday of Lent	Rev. Jacqueline Curtis	3rd	Parish Eucharist	11am
		Lay Leader		Evensong	6pm
26th March Purple	4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	Rev. Peter Turnbull	4th	Family Service (Eucharist)	11 am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – KEY EVENTS COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS TURVEY.....

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Sun 26th March	Mothering Sunday Service	11am
Sun 9th April	Palm Sunday. Liturgy of the Palms	11am
Thur 13th April	Maundy Thursday. Eucharist of the Last Supper	7.30pm
Fri 14th April	Good Friday. Solemn Liturgy	2pm-3pm
	Good Friday. Music and Meditations	7pm
Sun 16th April	Easter Day Eucharist	11am
Sun 30th April	Chellington Team Service	11am
All 8 churches in the team at St Lawrence's, Wymington, followed by Bring and Share Lunch		
Sun 11th June	Thanksgiving Service	6pm
Celebrating completion of the South aisle project		

EVENTS:

Sun 26th March	Mothering Sunday Service	11am
Interactive family service, with well-known songs and hymns.		
Sat 8th April	Children's Easter Workshop	2pm-4pm
At All Saints' Church. Cost £4 per family.		
Sun 9th April	Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting	12.15pm
Followed by Bring and Share Lunch. All those on the Electoral Roll are able to attend the APCM.		
Sat 15th - Mon 17th April	Egg Festival	All Weekend
Visit the church to see the egg displays (including those from the children at Turvey Lower School) and vote for your favourite.....		
Mon 17th April	Cream Teas in Church	3.30pm-5.30pm
Mon 1st May	Cream teas in Church	3.30pm-5.30pm
Mon 29th May	Cream teas in Church	3.30pm-5.30pm
Lovely cream teas – all welcome – outside if the weather is fine!		
24th - 25th June	F.A.S.T. Festival of Flowers and Music	Look out for posters and notices.

All events are correct at time of going to press – please check the new activity notice boards in church and the website.

Visit us at: www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk for the latest news, services and events....

TEAM CHELLINGTON



Sat 15th-Mon 17th April - Egg Festival (All Weekend)



All schools in the Chellington Team communities (including Turvey Lower School) will be taking part in the Egg Festival where children – and adults - do an egg themed decoration...all entries will be shown in their local church over the Easter bank holiday weekend and will be judged after Easter with prizes given! Your child may have heard

through the school but if not just ask in church or contact Heather for more detail as anyone can enter....Visit the church to see the egg displays and vote for your favourite.....why not have a Cream Tea during your visit? The church will be decorated for Easter so we will be looking beautiful...

Services in the Chellington Team

If you would like to know which services are when and where please **see the Pew Sheet on the church notice board in church**. If you would like an email copy please let Heather Whelbourn know. The Pew Sheet is also available on the All Saints website each week.

All special events we are aware of at time of going to press will be in the newsletter each month.

Ash Wednesday – 1st March

- 10.00 Eucharist - St Lawrence's, Wymington
- 10.30 Eucharist – All Saints, Odell
- 19.30 Eucharist – All Saints, Odell
- 19.30 Communion – All Saints , Turvey
- 20.00 Eucharist – St Mary's, Carlton

Lent Groups 2017- These begin at the following venues:

- Harrold 9th March 10.30am
 - Carlton 8th March 1.30pm and 7.30pm
 - Stevington 7th March 7.15pm
 - Wymington 7th March 7.30pm
 - Odell 1st February 10.30am
 - Turvey Abbey 6th March 2.30pm
- All welcome to join any group. Lists at back of church*

Please Pray for...

Those preparing for baptism:

Jasmine Coulthard, Danny Perry, Sophia Watt, Olivia-Grace Rose, Archie Brunton.

All who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Bill Bennett,(Odell), Norman Beasley (Stevington),
Peter Stileman (Stevington), Rita Jackson (Turvey),
Brian Capell (Wymington), Betty Wright (Turvey), Pauline
Forshaw (Stevington)

St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook – 'One Jesus?'

(A day with Mark) **Saturday 4th March 9.30am to 5.00pm**

A day of learning, reflection, praise, engagement and questioning. Cost £15 – to include a light breakfast of hot drinks and pastries, followed by a full lunch and high tea at the end of the day. To book visit: eventbrite.co.uk and search for One Jesus? A day with Mark. Or contact 07811 657294 or email jpollard.live@hotmail.co.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer at St Peter's Church THURLEIGH

on FRIDAY 3rd MARCH at 10.30am.

This year the service has been compiled by the women of the Phillipines. It is amazing to think that the same service will be taking place on the same day right across the world. Ladies from several local churches will be participating. If you would like a lift please contact Lori Simpson, Pauline Harris, Jane Eshelby or Margaret Christopher

WAT WALK on Thursday 30th March

Meet at Scald End Farm Tearoom car park at 10.30 am (Mill Road Thurleigh, MK44 2DP 01234 772688) to order lunch and set off at 10.45am for an easy 3 mile walk around Thurleigh past the church and the castle mound. Please ring Joe or Julia Street on 01234 720449 if you would like to come on this walk.

Newsletter April 2017 will be in the form of a shorter news sheet due to Easter falling at the end of the month and printer holidays. **The deadline for the April Newsletter is 20th March.**

Entries to: hms.whn@gmail.com If you have a prayer, Bible passage / verse you would like to share, or if you would like members of the congregation to pray for someone you know, or a loved one, please let Heather know or email at the above address.

Subscriptions: If you have not yet paid your £3 annual subscription for the Newsletter please place it in an envelope labelled 'Newsletter' and pass to one of the Sidespersons in church. If you would like the monies collected please contact Heather Whelbourn 881728.

LENT

Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent in the Christian calendar, has been observed by Britons for centuries. Its exact date changes every year, because it is determined by when Easter falls. But it is always the day after Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, and it always falls in February or March. This year, it is on Wednesday 1st March.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar.

Christian churches hold special Ash Wednesday services at which worshippers are often blessed on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a symbol of death and penance. The minister or priest will then say: "Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return", or a similar phrase. Sometimes, the mark is left on the forehead to show that they carry the sign of the cross into the world. At other services, the ashes are washed off as a sign that the worshipper has been cleansed of their sins. The ashes used at services on Ash Wednesday are made by burning palm crosses that were blessed the previous year.

Christians who observe **Lent** use it as a time for prayer and penance. By observing Lent, Christians are remembering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who withdrew into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days before his crucifixion.

Traditionally, pancakes are eaten on the day before Ash Wednesday to use up rich, indulgent foods like eggs and milk before the 40-day fasting season of Lent begins.

This year, Easter falls on Sunday 16th April. The English word Lent is a shortened form of the Old English word 'lenten', meaning 'spring'.

Some people fast for the whole period of Lent, as a reflection of Jesus's sacrifice in the Judean desert. Some Christians will fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the Friday before Easter Sunday.

However, many people, even those who do not go to church, choose to give up a particular vice, such as their favourite food, alcohol or smoking for the period of Lent.

Instead of giving up chocolate, fizzy drinks or chips, many others use Lent as a period of time to help others. Hundreds of people take part in the Lenten Positive Acts Challenge, as another way to show praise for God. Participants perform one positive act for each of the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. These 'positive acts' can include calling up someone who is alone, donating to a worthy cause, clearing up after dinner and letting someone go ahead of you in a supermarket queue.

What are you doing for Lent?

Extracts taken from an article in the Daily Telegraph