



All Saints, Turvey Newsletter

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Church Notices for February:



February Coffee Morning will take place on **Saturday 10th February** at 10.30am -12 noon by kind invitation of the residents of **Barton and Royle Homes**. There will be a raffle and bring- and - buy for which contributions especially of cakes would be very welcome!

If you would like to host a coffee morning please contact Anne Claypole - White or see the rota on the notice board at the back of the church.

Lunch Club - February Lunch Club will take place on **Friday 9th February at 12.30pm in the Village Hall**. At Lunch club we look forward to welcoming new members this year. Set up for the elderly and retired, TLC meets once a month in the Village Hall at 12.30pm for lunch (£4.00). If you, or someone you know would like to join us, or just come for one visit, please call Katy Knowles on 01234 881210. Transport is available if needed. **March Lunch Club: 9th March**.

Little Lights - Next meeting of Little Lights is on Friday 2nd February, 9.30 – 11.00am. We meet once a month in church, have a story, some singing and making things, and end with a drink and a snack. It is an opportunity for young families to meet and is very informal and relaxed.

Charity - A huge thank you to everyone who has – and continues to – support Bedford Food Bank. We will continue to be a drop off point for the village with regular collections.

We are now looking at choosing a local charity to support this year (from April). Please see the charity notice board where there is a list for you to **nominate a charity**. Please add your charity by 18th February. We will then vote!

Bible study Group - Our informal study group, led by Wendy Knell, will meet again on **Tuesday 6th February**. The group meets every other Tuesday from 2pm - 3:30pm in the Garden Room at the Monastery, Jacks Lane, Turvey. There will be a pause after this meet – as Lent groups take over – and we will begin the Bible Study meets again after Easter. Please bring a bible. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you want further details please contact Wendy Knell on 01234 214140 or info@allsaintsturvey.org.uk

Lent Groups 2018 - As in previous years, the Chellington Team Ministry invites you to join one of the groups meeting informally throughout Lent, in Carlton, Harrold, Turvey, Wymington and Stevington to discuss and share insights on Christian faith. All views are welcome, honest doubt is respected and confidentiality guaranteed. Groups normally meet weekly in a host's house considering questions and issues brought up in a study booklet and both containing reflections from well-known Christian thinkers. Some groups will be looking at "On the Third Day" which discusses the resurrection and what it means today. If you prefer watching to listening, other groups will be looking at "Finding a Voice" based on the film of the "King's Speech" which explores how we can use our own strengths to overcome difficulties. **Please contact the Chellington Team teamofficectm@gmail.com for details of venues and meeting times; call the Church Office on 720262 or more details will be available in all churches** from the middle of January. All welcome.

Events feedback:

Coffee Morning - January's coffee morning raised the record sum of **£280** towards church funds. It was the first time we have held a coffee morning in the church and it was a great success, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Cindy Woods, Rosemary Gentry and to everyone who helped with and supported the event.

Christmas Bazaar and Market – A fantastic final net sum of £2,363.10 was raised. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, ran a stall and attended this event. This event makes a significant difference to ensuring that All Saints is here for everyone in Turvey. Last year's Bazaar was particularly challenging in many ways and our thanks especially go to all those people who came and helped out at short notice and for whom the Bazaar was unknown territory! We hope that you enjoyed the experience and that you will come and join us again another year!

Flowers in Church – Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. The church looked beautiful and it was greatly appreciated. The new rota for 2018 will be on the board very shortly so please sign up – it works best if you sign up for two consecutive weeks as flowers generally last for two weeks if kept watered and sprayed regularly. If you have not arranged flowers in church before and would like to have a go, then please contact Jacqui (881566) and she will be very happy to show you where everything is.

The Church at Christmas - Thank you to everyone who helped to make the church look so beautiful for Christmas: the hard work that goes into opening up, cleaning, polishing the brass, setting up the altar as well as the lovely floral displays means that the church looked wonderful and was enjoyed by so many.....

Easter Lilies - It always seems strange to talk about Easter in the same newsletter as the Christmas Bazaar, but Easter is early this year and the church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31st March. Donations for Lilies or flowers in memory of a loved one may be given to Jacqui Darrington or placed in a clearly marked envelope and given to a church warden. If you would like to help decorate the church contact Jacqui – 881566.

EVENSONG

At our last PCC meeting the decision was taken to cancel all scheduled Evensong services in the current rota which takes us up until the end of April. In the meantime we need to consider the future of a Sunday evening service being held at All Saints and would welcome your views.

The decision was taken because attendance at Evensong has dwindled to a tiny number of congregants (two only on several occasions!) and it is not really sustainable. Tim Brewster attends to play the organ for such a small congregation which doesn't encourage him to exercise his talent.

I personally, would regret the loss of Evensong because it is a peaceful and fitting end to a day. However, our church congregation, in common with so many others is an ageing one and, especially in winter, they are not inclined to come out in the dark and cold to attend an evening service which is understandable. It may be that we consider holding an evening service in the summer months only (n.b. service because it could take the form of said Evening Prayer)

Consider the following please, and help the P.C.C. to come to a conclusion, taking into account your views:

1. Does Evensong or Evening Prayer ever feature in your worship and if not why not?
2. What might encourage you to attend an evening service at all?
3. Would a monthly choral Evensong (if we were able to raise a choir!) be of interest perhaps jointly with say, Carlton?
4. Would changing the time to 4.00.p.m. make a difference and does it have to be on a Sunday?
5. Would said Evening Prayer or Compline be of any interest and make any difference to your thinking?
6. Would it concern you at all if Evensong / Evening Prayer were 'scrapped' altogether?

You can "collar" me after Sunday services or e-mail me at rod.petty1@gmail.com and I look forward to hearing from you. Rod Petty

Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCiG) Refresher

On **Saturday 3rd March** between **09:30 – 15:00** at **The Rufus Centre, Flitwick**. Usually for Clergy, Readers, and LLWs - this event is now open to everyone. There are still a few places available. The day will be led by the LYCiG team and lunch will be included. It is free to attend and you can book your place through Heather who will email the booking link! hms.whn@gmail.com or 01234 881728.

Newsletter March 2018 - The deadline for the March Newsletter is 20th February. All entries email to hms.whn@gmail.com. **Email copy available, please let Heather know to copy you each month!**

Darkness Falls:

New Year is a time for renewal and new beginnings. As the days get longer we move away from the darkness and move towards the Light of Spring and Summer. It is the same in our spiritual journey we move away from darkness to the Light and Presence of God.

There are many things to help us in this process: the Holy Sacraments, the Holy Scriptures, Prayer and Meditation, the example of the Saints and Mission and Evangelism (sharing our faith with our Family, Friends and Neighbours).

To help us as a deanery share our faith together on 18th March at **Sharnbrook school** we are hosting a **mission play called Darkness falls**. It will be performed by a professional theatre company called Saltmine and is a dramatic re-imagining of St John's gospel where John's secret story will change everything.

We are inviting you to be part of this faith venture. We hope that you will invite a friend, a family member or neighbour who might be interested in the secret story that changes everything (the Good News) and accompany them to the play on Passion Sunday 18th March.

Tickets will be limited and can be secured by phoning 01234 720262 or emailing teamofficectm@gmail.com
Tickets can be sent by email or mail

Admission to the play is free but advance booking is required. There will be an opportunity to donate to charity after the play.

There will be follow up events afterwards to discuss the play and encourage People to take further steps to faith. We Hope and pray that you are excited by this event and that it will help you Live God's Love in a different and new way.

Church Services for February / Lent at All Saints, Turvey

Sunday 4th February	<u>9.30am</u>	Family Eucharist (Revd. Jo Spray) (with Stevington)
Sunday 11th February	11am	Parish Eucharist (Revd. Peter Turnbull)
Wednesday 14th February <u>Ash Wednesday</u>	<u>7.30pm</u>	Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes (Revd. Peter Turnbull)
Sunday 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent	11am	Parish Eucharist (Revd. Jacqueline Curtis)
Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent	11am	Parish Eucharist (Revd. Jo Spray)

PLEASE NOTE NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES - Please check the All Saints Church website www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk and notice board for updates on all CTM services.

Turvey Abbey The Benedictine nuns and monks of Turvey Abbey always welcome visitors to the daily Eucharist and the Divine Office. For times of services please refer to the website: www.turveyabbey.org.uk