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PEWS NEWS

22nd January 2017
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 9. 1-4 p694
Psalm 27. 1, 4-12 p557
1 Corinthians 1. 10-18 p1144
Matthew 4. 12-23 p968

8.30am Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Communion
 3.00pm Holy Baptism

All Saints
 All Saints
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29th January 2017
Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1-5 p961
Psalm 24. 7 – end p555
Hebrews 2. 14-end p1202
Luke 2. 22-40 p1028

10.00am Holy Communion

All Saints

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH – *If you are visiting us for the first time we hope you enjoy your time with us. If you would like to find out more about The Church in the Woottons please ask one of the clergy or churchwardens or visit our website www.churchinthewoottons.net and do take this newsletter home with you. In church you should also be able to find a copy of Contact, our monthly magazine.*

PARISH AMBLE – Parish Amble, Today. We will meet at the Visitor Centre at Sandringham at 1.30pm for a walk around the Park. Mostly hard paths but be prepared for mud. Dogs and everyone else welcome. Contact R and J Watts on 673820 for lifts and information.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION – The collection next week on the 5th Sunday of this month will be going to the Samaritans.

THIS WEEK

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| Sun 22 nd Jan | 11.30pm | Holy Communion at Lower Farm |
| | 1.30pm | Parish Amble – see below |
| | 3.00pm | Baptism of Darcey Veal at All Saints |
| Mon 23 rd Jan | 10.00am | Home Group at the Rectory |
| | 10.00am | Gathered Holy Communion |
| | 2.30pm | Holy Communion at Woodlands |
| | 7.30pm | Home Group at 9 Hugh Close |
| Tues 24 th Jan | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at All Saints |
| | 7.00pm | PCC Meeting at the Parish Meeting Room |
| Wed 25 th Jan | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at St Mary's |
| | 2.15pm | Mothers' Union Members Party in South Wootton Village Hall |
| Thurs 26 th Jan | 8.45-12 | Drop In at St Mary's |
| | | No choir or music group tonight |
| Sat 28 th Jan | 7.00pm | Home Group at Half Acre, Nursery Lane |
| | 9.30am | Saturday Morning Prayer at St Mary's |

FURTHER AHEAD

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| Mon 30 th Jan | 10.00am | Home Group at the Rectory |
| | 7.30pm | Home Group at 9 Hugh Close |
| Tues 31 st Jan | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at All Saints |
| | 7.30pm | Mid Week Church at the Rectory |
| Wed 1 st Feb | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at St Mary's |
| Thurs 2 nd Feb | 8.45-12 | Drop In at St Mary's |
| | 2.45pm | Assembly at North Wootton Primary School |
| | 7.00pm | Choir practice at St Mary's |
| | 7.00pm | Home Group at Half Acre, Nursery Lane |
| Fri 3 rd Feb | 10.45am | Funeral of Ellis Gay at Mintlyn Crematorium |
| Sat 4 th Feb | 9.30am | CAP Prayer Meeting at King's Lynn Evangelical Church, Gayton Road |

KNITTING FOR REFUGEES – Anna Goodwin is very keen to get any of us who can, to get knitting for refugees. In the churches today you can pick up some patterns which you might like to try – hats, scarves, mittens and squares to make blankets. Also a pattern for some simple teddies so a child with nothing can have something to cuddle. (A donation has been given to cover the cost of photocopying these patterns so please use them!). Anna invites you to her home (1 Carlton Drive) on Sunday 12th February from 2 – 5pm and on Wednesday 15th February (10 – 5) for light refreshments and the chance to knit together and chat. Drop in when you can. Please bring anything you have knitted along or drop finished articles off to Anna's home.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - It is with some reluctance that we have decided not to organise the Christian Aid Week house to house collection for 2017. We are not as fit as we used to be and together with David and Margaret planning to move away we have had to consider it. In addition it is becoming increasingly difficult to cover the whole area of The Woottons because of the diminishing number of collectors. We are most grateful to everyone who has worked with us over the past few years and with John and Elisabeth Smallwood before that. It has been a remarkable achievement for The Woottons to have contributed in excess of £70,000 at more than £3,500 per year to Christian Aid. Of course individuals can continue donate to Christian Aid via website christianaid.org.uk/. David Tate & Roger Sams

FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING - There were twenty three of us together for coffee and an enjoyable catchup in The Swan in January and several stayed on for lunch. We meet from 10.30am to 12 noon on the second Thursday of each month at a different location each time. It is always nice to meet new people so if you haven't been before why not come along next time? If you would like a lift, someone to go with or more information please contact Gloria Pantling (01553 671912 / gloriapantling@btinternet.com). On February 9th we will meet at 35 Grimston Road, South Wootton, the home of Mike and Gloria Pantling. Please join us if you are free that morning.

NATIVITY SET – Many of you will have seen the beautiful new knitted Nativity Set which we received this year from the ladies of the Knit and Chat group. It has been very much admired by many people and will be a pleasure to bring out each year for everyone to enjoy. We would like to express our thanks to all those who were involved in the making of it for the church.

FOODBANK – Please could you remember Food Bank when doing your weekly shop? There is still an urgent need for donations which can be left in either church and will be collected from there. There are areas to donate in Tesco or Sainsburys at Hardwick or at Tesco Gaywood. At the moment there are shortages of tinned fruit (400g), tinned peas and carrots, biscuits, UHT milk (1 litre), breakfast cereals.

COLLECTION FOR ALEPPO – At our Christmas Day and New Year's Day services £155.92 was raised for Aleppo. If you would still like to make a donation for Aleppo (which will be sent through the Red Cross), please hand this in to the Rectory Office.

NEW SERVICE PATTERN

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| 1st Sunday | 8.30am | St Mary's | Prayer Book Matins |
| | 10.00am | St Mary's | Holy Communion with choir |
| | 10.00am | SW Village Hall | Breakfast at 10 |
| 2nd Sunday | 8.30am | All Saints | Prayer Book Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | All Saints | Service with worship group |
| | 3rd Sunday | 8.30am | St Mary's |
| 10.00am | | St Mary's | Holy Communion with choir |
| 10.00am | | SW Village Hall | Breakfast at 10 |
| 4th Sunday | 8.30am | All Saints | Prayer Book Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | All Saints | Holy Communion with worship group |
| | 5th Sunday | 10.00am | Alternating |

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 18th – 25th January. Theme: Reconciliation – The Love of God Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5: 14-20)

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| 22 nd Jan 17.00-18.00 | London Road Methodist Church | Rt Revd Alan S Hopes |
| 23 rd Jan 12.30-13.00 | St John's | Revd. Rebecca Rogers |
| 24 th Jan 12.30-13.00 | Church of the Annunciation | Revd. Peter Rollings |
| 25 th Jan 12.30-13.00 | All Saints, Hillington Square | Fr Adrian Ling |

NEW MID-WEEK SERVICE – Beginning on Tuesday 31st January will be starting a new weekly mid-week evening service at the Rectory. There are several ideas behind this new venture: i. we know that parents with young children are often too distracted to fully engage with what is happening during Sunday services ii. Increasingly people find it difficult to commit themselves to attend church on Sunday mornings iii. Many people are looking for more in-depth teaching than can be offered at some forms of service and iv. Some people miss the Sunday evening services we used to offer. The services will include informal sung worship, teaching and prayer. We have two questions for you. What time should we start the service? And what shall we call it? Please speak to James or Linda Nash if you can answer either of these or want to find out more.

PREPARATION FOR ALPHA – A new Alpha course will begin at the end of February and in preparation for this James is offering some teaching on mission, outreach and team building. This teaching will be offered for four weeks at the new mid-week evening service beginning on 31st January – see the article above.

THANK YOU FROM MARGARET – Margaret Albinson would like to thank most sincerely all those from the church family who have kindly sent cards and letters, who have rung up, brought flowers and called in since Brian's death. She very much appreciates all the love and support she has received.

CURSILLO – I spoke in church recently about Cursillo (a three day residential course) encouraging people to consider taking part as an opportunity to strengthen and refresh their Christian walk. The website for the British Anglican Cursillo is www.anglicancursillo.co.uk. If you would like any more info about the weekend or how to book please call me. Linda

CHURCHES TOGETHER – Churches Together are holding a Talk by Maurice Wren, the CEO of the Refugee Council entitled 'Refugees – What's the Plan?' on Wednesday 8th March at 7pm at the London Road Methodist Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

- David Collis, Andrew Fielding, Gordon Bracey, Margot Hayward, Moyra Kittow, Mary Sackree, Karen Tripp, David Kirkpatrick, Pat Bowles, Brian Barlow, Ron Butcher, Lorraine Ismay, Wendy Easthall, Roger Sams
- The family and friends of Ellis Gay whose funeral is taking place shortly
- Everyone affected by the atrocities perpetrated in Aleppo

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