



*Committed to God – through worship, prayer and scripture
Committed to Community – within our congregations and reaching out
Committed to Growth – in discipleship, service and numbers*

PEWS NEWS

7th May 2017

4th Sunday after Easter

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| Acts 2:42-end | p. 1094 |
| Psalm 23 | p. 555 |
| 1 Peter 2:19-end | p.1218 |
| John 10: 1-10 | p.1076 |

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| 8.30am | Matins | St Mary's Church |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion | St Mary's Church |
| 10.00am | Breakfast at 10 | South Wootton Village Hall |
| 3.00pm | Baptism of Hallie Turner | St Mary's Church |

14th May 2017

5th Sunday after Easter

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| Acts 7: 55-end | p1100 |
| John 14:1-14 | p1082 |

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| 8.30am | No Service | |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion | All Saints Church |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion | Wyndham House |
| 3.00pm | Baptism of Olivia Bamber | All Saints Church |

Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **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.*

THIS WEEK

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| Monday 8 th May | 10.00am | Women's House Group at The Rectory |
| | 7.30pm | House Group at 9 Hugh Close |
| Tuesday 9 th May | 8.30am | Deanery Chapter meeting at the Rectory. |
| | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at All Saints |
| | 12 noon | Interment of ashes of Neville Easy at St. Mary's |
| | 7.30pm | Mid Week Church at The Rectory |
| Wednesday 10 th May | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at St. Mary's |
| | 7.30pm | House Group at 5 Barley Close |
| | 7.30pm | Alpha Course at Springwood High School |
| Thursday 11 th May | 7.00pm | House Group at 'Half Acre', Nursery Lane |
| Saturday 13 th May | 9.00am | 'Big Brekkie' at All Saints Church |

FURTHER AHEAD

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| Monday 15 th May | 10.00am | Women's House Group at The Rectory |
| | 10.00am | Archdeacon's Charge at Wolterton Park |
| | 7.30pm | House Group at 9 Hugh Close |
| Tuesday 16 th May | 9.15am | Morning prayer at All Saints |
| | 7.30pm | Mid Week Church at The Rectory |
| Wednesday 17 th May | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at St. Mary's |
| | 7.30pm | House Group at 5 Barley Close |
| | 7.30pm | Alpha course at Springwood High School |
| Thursday 18 th May | 7.00pm | House Group at 'Half Acre', Nursery Lane |

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER FROM THE TANSEY FAMILY - Our new curate Dan Tansey will be moving to the Woottons with his family in June and Dan will be ordained at the beginning of July and then begin working in the Parish. Dan and Beti's 12 year old son Christian has a fault with his heart and underwent corrected surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital on May 4th. Please pray for Christian and his family as he recovers from his operation.

NEWS ABOUT THE LENT LUNCHESES- The Lent Lunches made £1034 to be divided between the Nakwero project and the Bishop's Lent appeal. They were very well supported this year and the sum raised is considerably higher than in 2016. We would like to thank all those who allowed their homes to be used and produced such interesting and tasty soups. A big thank you too to Jonathan and Penny for organising the Lent Lunches again this year.

CHRISTIAN AID "THE BIG BREKKIE" - At All Saints Church on **SATURDAY 13th MAY--0830 to 1100am**. We will be holding a big breakfast as part of The Church in The Woottons' fundraising for Christian Aid. Please come and support this event and break bread with your friends and family as a really special way to start your day and help others less fortunate.

ARCHDEACON'S CHARGE – The Archdeacons Charge was a great success and Jennifer and Ron Watts would like to thank all those who so generously sponsored them. They are planning to collect the sponsorships on 14th May.

DAVID AND MARGARET TATE – tissues to hand, stiff upper lip and all that... David and Margaret's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 14th May. We will hold one service on that day a 10am Holy Communion at All Saints Church where David will preach, followed by a shared lunch for the Tate's. We will of course be giving David and Margaret a leaving gift. If you would like to contribute towards this, please send donations to the Rectory. Please make cheques payable to "The Church in the Woottons PCC".

PLEASE NOTE- The shared lunch will take place at the Guide and Scouts HQ directly after the service. A list for people to provide food will be at the back of the church.

LONDON MARATHON - RACHEL'S REPORT - On Sunday I took part in the 2017 Virgin London Marathon and was delighted to complete the 26.2 mile course in 3 hours 37 minutes. It was a fantastic day and I was fortunate enough to meet lots of truly inspirational runners who were running for many different but hugely worthy causes. I also just want to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me, wished me well and prayed for me. I am delighted to have raised just over £1,500 for Team Heads Together. Thanks again to everyone for their support. Love Rachel Curtis.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – A special Eucharist Service will be held at King's Lynn Minster at 7.30 on 25th May, to launch the 10 day wave of Prayer called for by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York – their initiative to pray for mission and outreach in our land. Candles will be presented to each parish to light until Pentecost.

FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING - We spent a very pleasant morning in April at the home of Joyce Peart. 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). The May meeting on Thursday 11th will be at the home of Marian Smith - 50 The Birches, South Wootton. Please join us if you are free that morning.

THE ALPHA COURSE – The Alpha Course continues on **Wednesday 10th May**. All sessions will begin at 7.30pm and end by 9.30pm and will be held at Springwood High School. **If you would like to attend the Alpha Course, it's not too late to come along – please let speak to James.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES – *The Church of England Diocese of Norwich* – Visit us at the Royal Norfolk show 28 – 29 June 2017. Exhibitor, café, prayer garden, school choirs, youth & children activities and much more for a family fun day out.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH YARD TIDY AND REPAIR – Only 5 people turned up to help tidy up All Saints church yard and repair the gate but we removed a forest of sycamore saplings from the south side path. The North side awaits attention.....

NEVILLE EASY ASHES INTERMENT – Those of you who knew Neville Easy are invited to join the family at St. Mary’s churchyard, 12 noon on Tuesday 9th May when his ashes will be interred.

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR ANNUAL MEETING – At our annual meeting last week, Jonathon Dossetor and Angela Whiles were re-elected as church wardens and Chester Noble was elected as church warden for the first time. Both Jennifer Watts and Moira Wesson decided to stand down as church wardens this year and we are very grateful for the commitment and expertise with which they fulfilled their roles. We are pleased that they will continue in the roles of assistant wardens. Jonathan will have particular responsibility for St Mary’s church, Angela will move across to All Saints Church and Chester will have particular responsibility for Breakfast at Ten. Laurence Morlaas Marian Smith and Margaret Albinson were re-elected as Deanery Synod Reps. Assistants to Wardens: Nigel Day, Janet Keir, Pauline Edwards, Jennifer Watts, Liz Housden, Chris Moore, Bill Vyse, Judy Fuller and Moira Wesson. The following people remain as members of the PCC: Janet Keir, David Clarke, Roger Sams, , Tony Kendall, John Smallwood, Roger Symes, Joy Dunham, Judy Fuller, Glenis Lee and Nigel Day. Chris Moore, Jennifer Watts and Moira Wesson were elected on to the PCC for a three year term.

ELECTORAL ROLL - The new electoral roll will be available in church to view for the next two Sundays.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

- Andrew Fielding, Gordon Bracey, Margot Hayward, Karen Tripp, Pat Bowles, Brian Barlow, Ron Butcher, Lorraine Ismay, Roger Sams, Liz Sams, Katie Nash and Christian Tansey
- Family and friends of Hallie Turner on her baptism
- HRH Duke of Edinburgh who has recently announced that he stepping down from public duty.
- The family and friends of Hugh Sandover and Lorna Sowden whose funerals have recently taken place
- The Alpha Course – leaders, team members and participants
- The General Election
- Relief of tension in the Far East – centered on North Korea

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