

PEWS NEWS

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

One welcoming and inclusive
 Church family
 Gathering in
 Three meeting places
 Around the Woottons
 Near to King's Lynn

3rd December 2017

Isaiah 64:1-9	p752
Psalms 80:1-8, 18-20	p593
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	p1144
Mark 13:24-end	p1019

8.30am	Matins	St Mary's Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
10.00am	Breakfast at 10	South Wootton Village Hall

10th December 2017

Isaiah 40:1-11	p724
Psalms 85:1-2, 8-end	p595
2 Peter 3:8-15	p1224
Mark 1:1-8	p1002

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church
10.00am	Morning Service	All Saints Church
11.30am	Holy Communion	Wyndham House

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH IN THE WOOTTONS– *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 any aspect of church life or what we do please ask one of the clergy or churchwardens or visit our website www.churchinthewoottons.net and please take this newsletter home with you.*

“The best criticism of the bad is the practice of the better”

THIS WEEK

Monday 4 th December	10.00am	Women's Home group
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 5 th	10.00am	'God With Us' at All Saints Church
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Mid Week Church at The Rectory
Wednesday 6 th	10.00am	Clergy meeting at the Rectory
	3.10 pm	School Assembly at South Wootton Junior School
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's
Thursday 7 th	8.45am-12	Drop-in at St Mary's
	2.45pm	School assembly at North Wootton Academy
	4.30pm	Prayer at St. Mary's
	7.00pm	Home group at Half-Acre, Nursery Lane
	7.00pm	Christmas Singers at St. Mary's
Friday 8 th	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's
Sunday 10 th	3.00pm	Guide and Scout Carol Service at All Saints

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 11 th December	10.00am	Women's Home group
	10.30am	North Wootton Academy rehearsal at All Saints
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's
Tuesday 12 th	10.00am	'God With Us' at All Saints Church
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's
	7.30pm	Mid Week Church at The Rectory
	7.30pm	Rotary Carol Service at St. Mary's
Wednesday 13 th	9.30am	Clergy meeting at the Rectory
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union Carol Service in St Mary's
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's
	7.00pm	North Wootton Academy Carol Service at All Saints
Thursday 14 th	8.45am-12	Drop-in at St Mary's
	7.00pm	Home group at Half-Acre, Nursery Lane
	7.00pm	Christmas Singers at St. Mary's
	7.00pm	PCC meeting at the Parish Meeting Room
Friday 15 th	9.15 am	Junior School Christmas Service at St. Mary's
	2.15pm	Junior School Christmas Service at St. Mary's
	4.30pm	Prayer at St Mary's
	7.15pm	Springtime Singers at All Saints

NEWS AND THANKS - The total raised for West Winch Junior Football Club in memory of Roger Sams has reached £573.25. Grateful thanks to everyone for this wonderful amount. Liz and the girls.

SPRINGTIME SINGERS – Springtime Singers return to All Saints Church Friday 15th December 7.15pm and Sunday 17th December 3.15pm. Tickets £6 from Linda Ashby. This is a fun seasonal evening and a good fundraiser for the church.

FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING - DECEMBER

On Thursday December 14th Penny and Jonathan Dossetor have invited us to their home, 63 Castle Rising Road, South Wootton. Please join us if you are free that morning.

URGENT: KING'S LYNN FOODBANK – please remember those whose Christmas may not be happy because they are hungry. Extra donations of food are needed and boxes are available at St. Mary's, All Saints and Breakfast at 10 for your gifts.

BREAKFAST AT 10 – We run Breakfast at 10 on the first and third Sundays of each month and the service is well attended and very popular. It takes a great deal of work to put Breakfast at 10 on twice a month and we are very grateful to those who work so hard to make it happen. We would like to increase the number of people on our team to help spread the workload. We need people to **a**: help set up the hall, **b**: help set up the sound system, **c**: prepare and serve breakfast and **d**: clear up at the end. If you would be prepared to help in any of these ways and could be available just once a month please let James or Dan know either by phone, email or speaking to them! Thank you very much.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH – We are in need of two more people to join the cleaning rota at St Mary's Church. This usually works out to about once every six weeks. If you would like more information, please contact Liz Housden on 01553 671952.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - We are greatly in need of 6 extra people to join the sidespersons rota and also for the tea/ coffee rota. This is to help spread the load and allow for absences. If you are ready and willing, please contact Angela (672145) or Jennifer (673820). Our immediate concern is the need for extra hands and feet for the Christmas services.

READERS AND INTERCESSORS – If you read in Church, or lead prayers please come to a training session at 10am on 20th January 2018 at St. Mary's Church. If you don't already read or lead prayers in Church but would like to, please come along too.

'GOD WITH US' – Advent is a good season for Prayer as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ - who is 'GOD with US' - during this wonderful season. This is a short series for Advent continuing this Tuesday at All Saints Church, North Wootton, at 10.00am and for two further Tuesdays - 12th and 19th December at the same time. This is a time for praying, sharing and fellowship and all would be most welcome. Refreshments will be provided. I look forward to seeing you. Richard Bowett.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 17 th Dec 10.00am	South Wootton Village Hall	The Breakfast at 10 Christmas Special
Sunday 17 th Dec 7.00pm	St Mary's	Carol Service
Friday 22 nd Dec 7.00pm	All Saints	Carol Service
Christmas Eve 2.00pm	St Mary's	Christingle
Christmas Eve 4.00pm	St Mary's	Christingle
Christmas Eve 4.00pm	All Saints	Christingle
Christmas Eve 6.30pm	All Saints	Christingle
Christmas Eve 11.30pm	St Mary's	Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day 10.00am	All Saints	Holy Communion – all age

GIVING – If you are not already part of the “Weekly Envelope Giving Scheme” scheme, please would you consider joining it? Many people in our Church give regularly by Standing Order and if you would like to do this our bank details are as follows: Sort Code 20-46-65 Account Number 00259527. Please speak to our Treasurer Glenis Lee for more information. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING – In addition to our main Carol Services in Church, we have been invited to sing carols at the following places at these times and dates:

Saturday 16th Dec 3.00pm at North Wootton Village Hall

Tuesday 19th Dec 1.30pm Crossroads Day Care Centre

Tuesday 19th Dec 2.15 pm Lisbon Court

Thursday 21st Dec 1.45pm Wyndham House

Thursday 21st Dec 2.30pm Lower Farm

Please join us if you would like to. For more information and to let us know you're coming please email, 'phone or speak with James or Linda Nash.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR - Plans are well underway for New Year Day of Prayer at All Saints Church on Saturday 6th January 2018, from 9am to 9 pm. There will be a number of different opportunities to reflect on God and think about the year ahead for our world, nation, church and ourselves. We are also hoping to create a wall hanging with contributions from everyone who attends. You are free to come any time and stay for as long as you wish, or go away and return later. Drinks will be available and the church will be warm. We are still in the planning process, and Cindy, Beti and I are very excited about the day so please come along. Looking forward to seeing you there, please, please, please keep this date. Linda Nash.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

- Daphne Petts, Andrew Fielding, Margaret Murray, Jack Thorne, Pat Bowles, Katie Nash, Audrey Steven, Roger Symes, June Pearce, Hollie Sherring, and Derek and Mary Beck.
- The family and friends of Charles Richman who died recently.
- The staff and volunteers who will be working at the King's Lynn night shelter, starting this weekend.
- People sleeping rough, and those struggling to make ends meet in our area.
- The people of Yemen, Libya and Syria
- Preparations for our Christmas services and events - and all those people who come and take part in them

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