

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

4th of February 2018 2nd Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8.1,22-33
Psalm 104.26-end
Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1- 4

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

11th February 2018 Sunday Next before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12
Psalm 50.1-6
2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Mark 9.2-9

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church

The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WELCOME - 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.

THIS WEEK

Monday 5 th	10.00am	Women's' House Group at the Rectory
	11.00am	Monday Church at All Saints Church
	12.30 pm	CAP Prayer Meeting at Gaywood Evangelical Church
Tuesday 6 th	5.30pm	Church Army Celebration and Commissioning Service at Norwich Cathedral
	7.30pm	No Wednesday Church
Wednesday 7 th	8.45am-12	Drop-in at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 8 th	10.30am	Friendship Group
	7.00pm	House Group at Half-Acre Nursery Lane
	7.00pm	Music Group Practice St Mary's Church

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 12 th		No Women's House Group at the Rectory
	10.30am	Wyndham House Holy Communion
	11.00am	Monday Church at All Saints Church
Tuesday 13 th	12.30pm	CAP Prayer Meeting at Gaywood Evangelical Church
	12.15pm	Funeral of Michael Anderson at Mintlyn Crematorium
Wednesday 14 th	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 15 th	8.45am-12	Drop-in at St. Mary's Church
	7.00pm	House Group at Half-Acre Nursery Lane
	7.00pm	Choir Practice St Mary's Church

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – Our Annual Meeting will be held on the morning of Sunday 22nd April at South Wootton Village Hall to be followed by a shared lunch. The morning will include a service of Holy Communion held in the Village Hall. The services that would have been held at All Saints Church on that day will be transferred to 29th April. Churchwardens, PCC members, and sidespeople are all elected at the APCM and various annual reports are given. This is a very important and encouraging date in the Church's year – please put the date in your diary.

MARY SMITH – We are sorry to have to tell you that Mary Smith has recently died. Mary has lived in the Woottons for decades and she had reached the marvellous age of 101. Until she reached her century, Mary regularly attended church and was a committed member of the Mother's Union. Our thoughts are with Daphne, Jo, Nick and all of Mary's large family. Mary's funeral will be held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 21st February at 1pm. Also, Meg Rutter, who was a long standing member of the Church in the Woottons and known by many of you, died recently. Meg's funeral took place a few days ago. Many of you will have known Mike Gill – he died at the care home near Boston he has lived in since last year and his funeral was held Mary's Church recently.

JAMES'S EMAIL ADDRESS – James has noticed that several of you are still using his old email address. Please delete jamesnash8@talktalk.net from your system and replace it with james@churchinthewoottons.net Thank you

NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY- There is a New Wine women's day at Milton near Cambridge on Saturday 14th April. We had a very good day when we went to London last year, so please let me know if you'd like to come. The bookings haven't opened yet, but please book the date and let me know if you want to come and as soon as possible I'll book tickets. Linda Nash

SETTING THE HEATING SYSTEMS IN OUR CHURCHES – We would like to train more people to set the timers for the heating systems in our churches. At the moment we are too dependent on a very small number of people. If you could volunteer to help with this very important task, please get in touch with David Clarke on 672145 and then a training session can be organised. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH – Wednesday Church will be suspended from now until after Easter. The Ash Wednesday service and the Wednesday evening Lent Course will take its place – see below.

ASH WEDNESDAY – This year's Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service will take place on Wednesday 14th February 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please come along if you can.

FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING FEBRUARY 2018 - On Thursday February 8th we have been invited by Jennifer and Ron Watts to their home 20 Wheatley Drive, North Wootton. Please join us if you are free that morning. If you would like a lift, someone to go with or more information, please contact Gloria Pantling 01553 671912/ gloriapantling@btinternet.com.

LAURA HAWKSWORTH - would like to thank you all for your prayers while she is exploring Church Army. Church Army have invited her to the next panel in May and asked her to visit another project that Church Army has set up, which is still to be arranged. Please continue to pray as she explores her ministry.

COMMISSIONING OF CAPTAIN JAMES HAWKSWORTH – This Tuesday - the 6th of February at 5.30pm, James Hawksworth, will be commissioned at Norwich Cathedral by the Bishop of Norwich. With James will be Trevor Clarke who is the new Church Army officer working in Harleston. This is a time of Celebration as they develop God's work in Kings Lynn and Harleston. Everyone is welcome to go along to this service and lifts are available. Please let us know at the Rectory Office if you would like to come along in support of Capt. James and his family

KING'S LYNN DEBT CENTRE PRAYER MEETINGS – At a recent meeting of Trustees we decided to re-instate the monthly Saturday prayer meetings for the CAP King's Lynn Debt Centre. The Church in the Woottons are a partner church in this important project. The next KLDC prayer meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 3rd March at 9.30am. Please come along and support this if you can. Nothing works like prayer.

SING ON TUESDAY – On Tuesday 20th February we will be starting a brand new Woottons Community Choir. It will be held at South Wootton Junior School every Tuesday during term time from 7-9.00pm. We are offering two free taster sessions initially (20th and 27th February) and then from Tuesday 6th March we will charge £3 per person for each evening – this will cover the cost of using the school, music, and refreshments. Barbara Backham, Jemma McRae and David Hill will lead the choir and provide musical accompaniment. No experience is needed, and no auditions will be required to join the choir – everyone will be welcome. Please tell your family, and friends and bring them along!

TWO COURSES FOR LENT – we are offering two Lent Courses this year. One will be held at All Saints Church on Tuesday mornings from 10 – 11.30am. This one will begin on Tuesday 20th February and be led by Richard and Linda A. James and Dan will lead an alternative course based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This course will be held at South Wootton Junior School on Wednesday evenings 7 – 9.30pm beginning on Wednesday 21st February and will replace Wednesday Church just for those weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

- James Hawksworth as he prepares for the commissioning on the 6th of February and Laura Hawksworth as she continues to explore her vocation.
- Max Colley. Max was born prematurely with a hole in his heart and other complications, Max is in Great Ormond Street Hospital. His parents are Ben and Hazel Colley who lead the North Wootton Cubs, please pray for Max and his family.
- Daphne Petts, Andrew Fielding, Margaret Murray, Jack Thorne, Pat Bowles, Katie Nash, Audrey Steven, Roger Symes, Hollie Sherring, Derek Beck, Mary Beck, Ron Butcher, Karen Tripp, Chris Moore, Susan Taylor and Margaret Albinson.
- The families and friends of Michael Anderson, Gladys Hagan and Mary Smith whose funerals are taking place soon.
- King's Lynn Debt Centre
- People sleeping rough, and those struggling to make ends meet in our area.
- Staff and patients at Queen Elizabeth hospital.

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