



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 12

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

15th December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Breakfast at 10

St Mary's Church
St Mary's Church
SW Village Hall

22nd December 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-8, 18-20
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-end

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
7.00pm	Carol Service

All Saints Church
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The Collect for The Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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 asked to be introduced to a Churchwarden. You can find out more at www.churchinthewoottons.net Please take this newsletter home with you.

THIS WEEK

Monday 16 th December	8.30am	Prayer meeting at St. Mary's Church
	9.00 -12 noon	Rectory Office open
	11.00am	Gathered Holy Communion
	10.00am	South Wootton Infants School, Nativity at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 17 th	7.00pm	Alpha Course at North Wootton Academy
	9.00am	3 rd tuesDAY
	10.00am	South Wootton Infant School Nativity at St Mary's Church
	12- 6.00pm	Kings Lynn Men's Shed
	2.00pm	South Wootton Infant School Nativity at St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 18 th	7.00pm	North Wootton Academy, Christmas Service at All Saints Church
	8.30am	Prayer meeting at All Saints Church
	9.00 -12 noon	Rectory Office open
	9.45am	South Wootton Junior School, Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
	2.15pm	South Wootton Junior School, Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 19 th	7.00-8.30pm	Christmas Singers rehearsal at All Saints Church
	8.30am	Prayer meeting at All Saints Church
	8.45 -12noon	Dropin at St. Mary's Church
	10.00 – 1.00pm	Rectory Office open
	10.00 - 4.00pm	Kings Lynn Men's Shed
	1.45pm	North Wootton Academy, Christmas Service at All Saints Church
Friday 20 th	7.00pm	Carol Service at St Mary's Church

FURTHER AHEAD

Sunday 22 nd	7.00pm	Carols Service at All Saints Church
Tuesday 24 th	2.00pm	Christingle at St Mary's Church
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle at St Mary's Church
	4.00pm	Christingle at All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Christingle at All Saints Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at St Mary's Church
Christmas day	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints Church
Sunday 29 th December	10.00am	Holy Communion with Carols at St Mary's Church
	3.00pm	Holy Baptism at St Mary's Church

SPRINGTIME SINGERS – One again there will be two Christmas Concerts performed by the Springtime Singers at All Saints Church. They are on Friday 13th December at 7.15pm and Sunday 15th December at 4.15pm. Tickets are £6 and are available from Linda Ashby

MINCE PIES AND MUSIC – please come along to hear Woottons Community Choir sing again and enjoy a Christmas tea at South Wootton Village Hall, today Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm with special guests The Madrigal Singers. Tickets priced at £6 are available today or on the door.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION - on the 29th December will be for King's' Lynn Winter Night Shelter.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM JAMES – As 2019 draws to a close I would like to thank all of you who are so committed to The Church in the Woottons and who serve God through our shared ministry in so many ways. My thanks to our due to our Churchwardens - Jonathan, Angela, Janet and Chester - who work so hard and do so much vital work, much of it in the background. Thanks are due also to our assistant Churchwardens and Sacristans – Liz H, Judy, Moira, Jennifer, Bill, Marian, Nigel and Vanessa. Special mention too must be made of our Treasurers Glenis and David. I'm so grateful too, to our musicians David, Chris, Linda, Cathy, Peter, Sue O, and all those who sing in church. Our church buildings are always to clean and tidy and beautifully decorated so a big thank you from me to all those of you who clean and decorate our churches. Thanks also to everyone who provides such good hospitality in our churches from the sides-people to the coffee makers and those who provide such a wonderful breakfast at Breakfast at 10. I am so grateful to Linda N and her team who offer such a warm welcome at the Thursday Dropin and to Gloria and her team to run the Friendship Coffee Mornings. I would also like to say a special thank you to Laura who works so hard in the Rectory Office and to my clergy colleagues Dan and Richard. What would I do without you?

A BREAK FROM TRADITION – Because we are so keen to complete two significant building projects next year – the Balcony Project at St. Mary's and the Window Repair Project at All Saints – we are going to direct our Christmas collections towards them. Over many years we have given very significant amounts of money to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) and the Children's Society but we think it is right to focus our efforts on raising money for the repairing and improvement our buildings this year. This is just a one-off and we hope you can support our decision.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU – to all who sent cards, flowers, visited, phoned and provided meals after Karen's stay in hospital for cancer surgery. Also to all the people who volunteered to drive Karen to Addenbrookes Hospital every day for the five weeks of her chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments, and to James and the Rectory for coordinating it all. We have felt quite overwhelmed at times by your generosity to us and are very grateful to belong to such a wonderful Church family. Thank You, Karen and Jim Tripp.

A CALL TO PRAYER –We are now offering a place and a space for quiet prayer once a month. A Call to Prayer is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month 7.00pm at All Saints Church in North Wootton – the next one is on Sunday 12th January. One of us introduces the time of prayer with a reflection and we might listen to some music to help lead us into silent prayer. We draw to a close at 7.45pm.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SCHEME – Our Treasurers Glenis and David will be continuing to distribute the new packs of Envelopes in church. If you are not part of the scheme you may find it a helpful and efficient way of managing your regular giving towards the work and mission of The Church in the Woottons (TCITW). Do please ask Glenis or David for more information.

NEW BANK ACCOUNT – we have opened a new bank account with Santander sort code 09-01-29 acc. no. 41920596 please make the necessary changes to any standing orders you may have

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019

Sunday 8 th December	3.00pm	Scouts and Guides Carol Service at All Saints Church
Wednesday 11 th December	2.15pm	Mothers' Union Communion and Carols at St Mary's Church
Sunday 15 th December	4.00pm	Mince Pies and Music at South Wootton Village Hall
Friday 20 th December	7.00pm	Carol Service at St Mary's Church
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CHALICE ASSISTANTS - The following people have been authorised to administer Holy Communion by the Bishop of Lynn: Jacqueline Chappell, Vanessa Cull, Angela Clarke, Nigel Day, Jonathon Dossetor, Judith Fuller, Laura Hawksworth, Janet Keir, Anthony Kendall, Christopher Moore, Laurence Morlaas, Linda Nash, Susan Neil, Chester Noble, Marian Smith, Angela Thurgood, Karen Tripp, Moira Wesson and Stefan Wozniak. We are very grateful to them all for being willing to offer ministry amongst us in this way.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

- Margaret Murray, Derek Beck, Mary Beck, Ron Butcher, Karen Tripp, Marianne Gascoyne, Dick Webster, Betty Shaul, Marion Peacock and Naomi Kendall
- All those who will be missing loved ones at Christmas
- Everyone who will be working so hard over Christmas at QEH
- Our new Government
- Preparation for our Christmas events and services
- Everyone who comes to our churches over the Christmas period
- The homeless and the hungry
- Primary and Secondary schools, for students and staff as the term is coming to an end for Christmas holidays

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