

St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

Happy and blessed New year to everyone

1st January 2017

Services

Sunday 1st January 2017— 1st Sunday of Christmas

Hymns: None

Readings: Isa 63:7-9, Heb 2:10-18, Matt 2:13-23

10.00am Holy Communion BCP

1st January - 8th January

Monday 2nd January

No Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 5th January

No Communion at Dunton Grwen Village Hall

Sunday 8th January— Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Readings: Isa 60:1-6, Eph 3: 1-12, Matt 2: 1-12

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTAKE OF COFFEE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER THIS SERVICE

The altar is the "Lord's table" not ours, so all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

However you may wish to receive a Blessing in which case please bring a service booklet

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Shirley Noss, Diane Lang, June Cheeseman, Harry Garrett, Linda Mc Keeman, Jago Moss-Mc Keeman, Robin Tonge, Enid Trivass, Anne Straight, Martyn

Berry, Peter Jenner, Helen Hambly, Sarah Msewing, Colin Butson, Jean Morgan, Angela Chapman

If anyone no longer needs a name to be on this list, please let Margaret Nicholas know (457324)

IN MEMORIAM

William Clevely

Ethel Walkling

Gladys Morley

Olive Kitchingman

CHRISTINGLE

A big "thank you" to everyone who contributed in any way to the extremely successful Christingle fund raising which once again; through the two services in church and the carol singing at the Bullfinch: exceeded last year's total with the magnificent sum of £1165

CALENDARS

There are 6/7 calendars left at the back of the church for sale at £7.50 each

A.P.C.M.

A note for your diaries. The APCM 2017 will now be held on 30th April not 23rd April

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bring and Share on 14th January at 7.00pm

Please remember the party on Saturday 14th and come along with your contributions.

Does anyone have a talent for entertaining in any way (we would love to hear from you) or any ideas for games suitable for this type of gathering (again please let us know)

Margaret Curtis or Margaret Nicholas

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P.T.O.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

We are a prayer triplet meeting most Monday evenings in the Lady Chapel. We pray for the church, those on the prayer list and for anyone experiencing difficult circumstances. If you feel in need of prayer for yourself or someone you know, do please make a note and pin it to the prayer board in the Lady Chapel.

Alternatively, if you wish to keep it confidential, please speak to Nicola, Daphne or Ronnie. The prayer board will be checked regularly and we will date the prayer requests each week so people know they've been prayed for. The requests will be removed after an appropriate amount of time.

However, if you have an enduring need, please repeat your request if you find it has been removed. We would love to see anyone wishing to join us either as a one off or on a permanent basis. Please speak to one of us to make sure we will be meeting on the date you are thinking of coming. We look forward to receiving your prayer requests and/or seeing you.

COFFEE ROTA 2017

Someone has dropped out at the last minute and so a new helper is desperately needed for this ASAP. The person will have a helper for each of their duties. No heavy lifting involved. Duty is only about six times in the year. If you can help, Rosemary McLintock on 01732 458682 would love to hear from you.

ESTONIA

I am thinking of taking a group from St Mary's to Estonia next summer - probably from 6-8th July 2017. If you are interested in coming, please let me know.

HARRY GARRETT

Harry is now in Sevenoaks Hospital and would welcome visitors. Visiting times 2.00 - 5.00 pm and 6.00 - 8.00pm

ALPHA COURSE

Dear All,

On January 31st and for Tuesday evenings (usually) over the following few weeks, we are hoping to hold an Alpha Course.

This will be aimed at the whole congregation but with the hope those of you newer members of the congregation might like to attend and learn a little more about the Christian faith. Such things as baby-sitting and partners 'taking turns' week by week to attend can be made.

We also ask members of the congregation to invite friends and neighbours and, indeed, we will publicise within the parish generally in due course.

In order for this to work, we will need members of the congregation to help out. The more that help, the fewer weeks they might need to be available (unless they want to, of course). It is entirely possible for helpers to also participate in the course.

The evening has a simple format.

Start - possibly 7pm

Arrive, welcome, hospitality - light meal (sandwiches, soup possibly, fruit, teas & coffees)

Short video

Short talk

Discussion in small groups

Depart

I have booked the hall for the relevant dates.

So we will need:

Volunteers to prepare the food and serve/tidy up. The intention, as you can see above, would be very much to keep things as simple as possible. Not least so that hospitality teams can join in the evening if they wish to.

Volunteers to set up.

Volunteers to facilitate the discussions. This is simply to ensure that everybody gets to express themselves following the video and talk and to ask whatever questions they wish. The Group will answer those questions among themselves the facilitator Does Not Need to have a Doctorate in Contemporary Christian Theology. They just need to facilitate the discussion. Training will be given but, essentially, it's a case of allowing people to speak and people to discuss the questions raised among themselves.

I imagine that six or so people in each of the 'teams': hospitality, set up, discussion facilitators. Although, the facilitators might need to be there most weeks, the other two teams could work in shifts of two per week.

Would you please respond to me directly if you were interested in any of the following, please?

- a) attending
- b) inviting someone to accompany you
- c) hospitality team
- d) set up team
- e) discussion facilitator team.

Once I get an idea of who might be able to come/help, we can make a final decision on whether to go ahead.