

## **ON THIS WEEK**

### **MONDAY 8th JANUARY**

2.00pm Revd Diane meeting  
7.30pm Standing Committee meeting at the Rectory

### **TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

9.30am Tuesday Tots meet in the ARK  
11.00am Pause for prayer at 137 High Street  
12.30pm Revd Diane Chapter meeting

### **WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY**

11.15am Uvedale Hall Communion  
3.30pm Revd Diane meeting  
7.30pm Revd Diane Bosmere Deanery Synod standing committee meeting

### **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EPIPHANY**

10.00am Sung Eucharist in the LIMES HOTEL  
Sunday Club in the Ark

**PCC MEETING** Members please note the next meeting of the PCC is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm in the ARK.

### **CONTACTS**

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### **Please include in your prayers**

-Madge and Iris  
-Ruth and her family  
-the Ruby family, for Mick and Linda  
-Peter's sister Margaret  
-Annette and her family,  
- Catherine's friend David and for Janet and for the family  
-Bryony and Tom whose twins were born at 26 weeks. Pia is making good progress but there are still concerns over Frida.  
-for all families who are facing difficult times now the new year is here  
-we pray for ourselves as we establish a new routine for our services and our meeting together over the next few months whilst the roof is repaired.

*We also pray for the many names that appear on our prayer board and in the prayer book located in the prayer area, and all those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who are in pain and distress and for those who care for loved ones. Give skills to doctors and nurses and patience to all those who care for invalids.*

-we pray for all those in authority and in positions of influence and responsibility; may they be earthed in humility, courageous in integrity and mindful of the need to serve.

**- we call to mind those with whom we share the work and leisure of our life; we pray for those we treasure and those we battle with, and ask you to breathe into all our relationships the forgiving love which cleanses and heals.**

## **St. John the Baptist Church Needham Market,**

### **SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** **EPIPHANY**

8.00am Said Eucharist in ARK  
10.00am All Age Worship in ARK  
7.00pm Young people meet in the ARK

### **Readings – Said Eucharist**

Isaiah ch60 v1-6                      pg 746  
Ephesians Ch3 v1-12                pg1174  
Matthew Ch2 c1-12                pg966

### **Hymns – All Age Worship**

589    see him lying on a bed of straw  
762    You are the king of glory  
674    To be in your presence  
724    We three kings  
49     As with gladness

### **Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth;  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever – Amen

**MEDITATION GROUP** the next meeting is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 6.30pm in the ARK.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018** This will run from 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a united service at 10.30AM on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Christchurch. Full details to follow

**HOME WORSHIP** . Pam Sanderson from the charity CAP 'Christians against Poverty' came to lead our worship and tell us about her work with CAP. CAP was founded 21 years ago, the Patron is Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and an enthusiastic supporter is Martin Lewis who is well known for his money advice, and he says CAP is one of the most successful debt advice agencies in the country - so praise indeed. CAP has many local outlets throughout the country, and if you are interested they can be googled up. They organize free debt courses for those who wish to take part. Several pieces of their basic advice is 'use cash, not cards' - that way you realise the value of the money you are spending; cards can deceive you into how much you are spending; if you go to the shop for a bottle of milk for £1.19 then just take £1.19 with you - otherwise you can find you go in the shop just to spend a £1 and come out having spent £10; also have a monthly saver, so that if you have a big bill coming in, you have set aside a reserve. If you are interested more you can send for a free copy of the book 'Nevertheless' which is the inspiring story of John Kirkby, the founder of CAP, write to Supporter Relations CAP, Jubilee Mill, North Street, Bradford, 8D1 4EW to request a copy.  
5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY Helen Grimbley is coming to tell us about 'Persecuted Christians in Pakistan'.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** Please could you let Allison and Roland Owen have your boxes as soon as possible for counting.

They can be brought to services or dropped in at 10 Stowmarket Road. If necessary please ring us on 720950 and we will arrange collection. Thank You.

**2018 Services whilst the Church is closed for repairs**

The manager at The Limes has very kindly offered us the use of the function room there for some Sundays.

We will use The Ark of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. The Limes will be used on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month

There is a car park at the rear of The Limes and easy access on a flat level for those who need that.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Sung Eucharist - at the Limes

**January 21st**

9.00am Holy Communion in the ARK

10.30am WPCU united service at

Christchurch

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Sung Eucharist at the Limes

**CHURCH CLOSURE** a big thank

you to all those who helped David and Ray clear the church ready for the builders to move in. The organ is now shrouded and all the area is cleared.

Everything that needs to be is safely stored elsewhere. We look forward to this new challenge that we face whilst the work is completed and we can move back into the church building a stronger church by working together in our temporary locations and keeping our church family together.

**From the Vicarage**

The New Year is upon us and already we are one week in.

Did you make any resolutions? I usually don't because I know they will get broken, but New Year is for me, and for many others, a time to reflect on life, to discern new priorities and start afresh, not so much resolutions as a refocusing.

We are really in many ways starting afresh as a church. It was strange to see the building cleared, with organ and much else covered and everything placed in a small area up near the altar. Strange too to go out and shut the door knowing it will be in the hands of the builders for many months.

I am sure that there will be a few wrinkles to be ironed out over the next week or two as we settle into worshipping elsewhere with the challenges and opportunities that will bring.

I find the whole thing quite exciting and I am confident that if we all work together during the coming months then we shall see God at work in ways we don't expect and have not anticipated. I trust that our worshipping life and our spiritual life, as a church will be enriched by this time.

Life will need to continue with all the richness of the liturgical pattern we are used to.

It will not be long until we come to Lent and I do hope that we can all find something to feed us and our faith in what will be offered over the Lenten period. The PCC will be planning for this at the meeting coming up shortly, but we will need venues for Lent courses in order to meet. If you would like to offer to host a group, please do speak to me.

Blessings Diane