

DIARY DATES

Morning Prayer, Monday – Thursday 9.15am
Wednesday 18th January 2017 – 11am Eucharist

Sunday 22nd January 2017

8am Eucharist (said)
10am Eucharist (sung)
Readings: Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18;
Matthew 4.12-23: (Pg49).

On duty on the 22ND January 2017

Creche: Bonnie, Kathy P.
Childrens Church: Jackie T.
Welcomers: Valerie B, June G.
Sidesmen: Michael W, Mary B.
Readers: Victoria F, Ian L.
Servers: Derek D, Pete W, Séan.
Intercessor: David P.
Lay Administration: Carol T, Michael F, Michael W. Zara.
Coffee: Julian.

NOTICES.

Welcome Lynne Griffiths, reader in training, who will be with us for a month 8 January to 5 February on placement.

Christingle 2016

Raised a wonderful £916.10 to help the Children's Society support vulnerable children and young people in this country.

Fairtrade Stall - 15th January after 10 am service.

Office: The office will be **open on Tuesday 17th January** and closed on Wednesday 18th January. Please forward notices for Sunday 21st by 9am Tuesday 17th, thank you.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts Stall.

If you have any 'surplus to requirements' they would be much appreciated for a stall to sell for church funds/future projects. Please see Derek – thank you.

Community Lunch Monday 16th January 12.30pm.

Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are going to attend.

Friday Study Group 20th January 2pm Choir Vestry

To consider "Faith into Love". Session 3 of our course, Faith, Hope and Love. All welcome. Contact Mark or Kath Kirby.

Interchurch Quiz 21st January

Will take place at Leaside Hall at 7pm. Interested teams (6-8) should register with Christ Church Office by phone 01920 487267 or email office@christchurchware.co.uk. Cost per person is £10 and includes food.

Children's Spirituality & All Age Worship 28th January

9.30am-1.00pm The Focolare Centre Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG. Theology & Practice- Did you go to church as a child? What are your memories? What was your first encounter with God? Our understanding of children's spirituality and its implications on how to include all ages in worship, has changed dramatically over the last 30 years. Margaret Pritchard Houston (Childrens Mission Enabler, St Albans Diocese) and the Revd Ally Barrett (Tutor, Westcott House) will lead a session that is an inspiring mix of theory and practice, helping you understand research on how children experience God, and how to put that to work in our church. Cost £15 includes light lunch. Book on email: jbiring@stalbens.anglican.org or call Jaspreet Biring on 01727 818151

Parish Handbook Update 2017

The Parish Handbook is to be updated shortly. Could you please complete and return the Update Forms (these are at the back of the church) . Please hand to the Church Wardens.

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ware

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WELCOME

Sunday 15TH January 2017 – Epiphany 2

Welcome to St. Mary's this morning. If you are visiting or here for the first time we hope you feel at home, and please do make yourself known. Please make use of the creche corner if this is helpful. When we come to share communion please join everyone in coming forward to receive the bread and wine if that is what you usually do, or come for a prayer of blessing. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service.

Today's Services.

8am Eucharist (said)
10am Eucharist (sung)
6.30pm Evensong.

Readings :

Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 (Pg45)
Corinthians 1.1-9;
John 1.29-42:

For your prayers.

The World Church: Kyoto (Japan) Stephen Takashi Kochi.

The Diocese: Flitwick (Amphill & Shefford).

Living God's Love: Going deeper into God: Bible Study Groups.

The Deanery: Watton at Stone with Bramfield, Stapleford, Waterford & Aston.

The Parish: Deanery Synod.

All who live in: Lime Close and Little Horse Lane.

Please remember those on our prayer board and for those that mourn, together with the souls of those who anniversaries fall at this time, particularly, **Bill Webb**.

All are welcome to add a name to the Prayer Board by the Lady Chapel. To add a name to the Remembrance List of those who have died, please contact the Parish Office.

On duty today – 10am

Creche: Liz F, Phyllis B.
Childrens Church: Kathy P.
Welcomers: Michael W, Kath L.
Sidesmen: Alan E, Ann R.
Readers: Simon P, Ann R.
Servers: Tim, Anne C, Mike F.
Intercessor: Mark K.
Lay Administration: Kath K, Martin D, Dale, David H.
Coffee: Liz H, David H.

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