



Church News

24th September 2017

Today – *Harvest Thanksgiving*

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*
- 10.30 Family Harvest Communion, Bures: *Tricia Box*
- 10.30 Morning Prayer, Assington: *John Symons*
- 10.30 Holy Communion, Little Cornard: *Steve Morley*

Next Sunday – *Trinity 16*

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley & John Symons*
- 10.30 Benefice Communion, Bures: *Steve Morley & John Symons*
- 4pm **Confirmation Service, Bures: *Bishop Mike Harrison***

What's happening this week *(see notices)*

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| Today | 12.45 | Solos on Sunday |
| Wed | 9.00 | Prayers in the South Porch, Bures |
| | 10.00 | Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures |
| | 10.30 | 'Open Door' Drop-in café |
| | 2pm | Stepping Stones |
| Thur | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union AGM, St Mary's |
| Fri | 9.00 | Morning Prayer, Little Cornard |
| Sat | 12.30pm | Over 75's Harvest Lunch |

Welcome It is good to have you with us today. Please stay for tea and coffee after the Service. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again. You will find a Welcome Card in the pew in front of you. Do let us know your details so that we can get to know you.

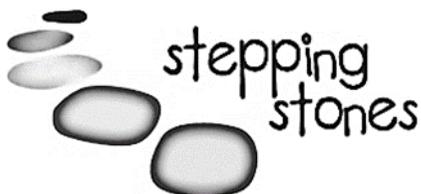
For more details of what's on and to view the church calendar see:



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Coming Up This Week

SOLOS IN SUNDAY – Today - 12.45pm St Mary's – All who would otherwise be 'home alone' are welcome to come along to our bring and share lunch.



Wednesday, 2pm, St Mary's
Midweek Pre-School group for parents/carers and children under five. 20 minutes of fun, stories and song, followed by refreshments and play. Everyone has a great time at this monthly gathering and it is an

excellent opportunity for parents to meet others with pre-school children. If you know of any family that might like to come along to our first Stepping Stones meeting of the academic year please extend a warm invitation or suggest they contact Rev Tricia on 227528.

OVER 75'S HARVEST LUNCH Saturday

As in previous years, we will be inviting all those in the village aged 75 or over to a harvest lunch in St Mary's on Saturday. If you know of anybody who has not yet received an invitation, please let Andrea (228081) or Carolyn (228296) know as soon as possible.

Please pray for our guests and our team, this is an excellent community event and a great opportunity to spend time with the elderly in our village.



CONFIRMATIONS – A number of our young people are being confirmed by Bishop Mike here at St Mary's next **Sunday 1st October at 4pm**. Please pray for Hannah, Alex, Esme and Rebekah this week and **come and support** them on their special day. Afterwards, we are planning to celebrate with afternoon tea. Please let Carolyn Holbrook know if you are able to make a cake or a plate of sandwiches.

Notices

BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY – One week left to apply!
Closing date: 30th September. We are looking for an experienced administrator to run the church office. Check out the details on the website www.parishchurch.co.uk if you (or you know of someone who) might be interested. Please note, only electronic applications will be considered.

AUTUMN FAIR – 18th November – 11am – 2.30pm – our annual not to be missed event. This year we are planning to try something different and, along with our usual refreshments, we will be serving light lunches. If you can help in any way before or during the fair, please contact Sue Ryman or Derek Wolsten-Croft on 227715
sue.ryman@btinternet.com

Thank You!!

HARVEST SUPPER – A huge thank you to Gaye and Yvonne for organising such a wonderful evening. And, to everyone who cooked, moved furniture, poured drinks, provided table decorations (hidden talent there, Dennis...), coordinated the raffle, entertained us, sorted out the washing up and so on - a real team effort.

And thank you to all who came along and tucked into the lovely food, chatted animatedly and joined in with the 'almost' angelic community singing – all in all, it was happy and memorable occasion and we very much look forward to what is in store for us next year.

Birthday Congratulations



Two of our church members are celebrating significant Birthdays this week: *Basil Pilgrim* and *Peter Holbrook*. Many congratulations to you both and may God bless you richly in the year ahead.

We pray for

If you know of someone who might like prayer, needs a home visit or is unable to get to church and would like communion in their home, please speak to a member of the clergy or one of the Welcome Team or contact us via the details on this bulletin.

Prayer Ministry Available after the Service

Prayer Ministry is available after the service in the South Porch. There will be two people available to pray with you or for your loved ones.



We are aware that people come for prayer for all sorts of things, for physical healing, for guidance, for healing from past hurts and traumas and many more needs. Sometimes people are looking for God's forgiveness and are in need of help to forgive others. It may be that they wish to meet afresh with God or respond to something that has been of challenge during the Service. It may simply be a desire to pray with others for loved ones or share concerns over illnesses in families.

Whatever the reason, please do take advantage of the chance to receive prayer from our prayer ministry team and be assured that anything you share will be treated in complete confidence.

Loop System: For people who are hard of hearing the church has a 'loop system'. Please adjust your hearing aid to 'T' and if possible sit at least 2 feet away from church walls.

Toilet Facilities: The toilet is located at the back of the church through the doors to the kitchen.



Vicar: Rev'd Steve Morley 01787 227407 vicar@parishchurch.co.uk

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